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Another double homicide



Cheng You Li

Hai Ren Li

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Two Chinese male farmers who were last seen on Friday were found dead, their bodies dumped in a grassy area at the old airport runway in Koblerville yesterday morning.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero said the case is being considered a double homicide as investigators found visible signs of foul play.

Deleon Guerrero said that relatives identified yesterday afternoon the bodies at the Commonwealth Health Center as Hai Ren Li, 51, and Cheng You Li, 47.

Yesterday's incident is the third double homicide involving Chinese nationals on Saipan since December 2012, and the

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homicide in-
volving Chinese
since 2012; 4th
since 1995**

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Deleon Guerrero said the bodies of Hai Ren Li and Cheng You Li were found next to each other in the grassy area on the runway.

The DPS chief said the bodies were located about 50 meters from a white Toyota Tacoma that they used in going to their farm and was found abandoned within a jungle in As Gonno.

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Inos laments opponents' dirty tactics

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A visibly alert and eloquent Gov. Eloy S. Inos agreed to a sit-down interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday at the CNMI Republican Party headquarters along Middle Road, where he bared for the first time the extent of his "routine medical procedure" in the Philippines' Asian Hospital and lamented how his opponents are using his health issues—again—as political fodder in advance of tomor-

» **Says he's
fit to serve
full four-
year term**

"About eight years ago I had a quadruple bypass out of the Asian Hospital and I was supposed to go back every so often for checkup and follow up. This last effort was supposed to have taken place in January or February this

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MARK RABAGO

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, second from left, poses with, from left, acting public information officer Ivan Blanco, his granddaughter Desirae, and daughter Christina yesterday at the CNMI Republican Party headquarters at Springs Plaza along Middle Road.

Best Sunshine hands \$10M check to CUC



JAYSON CAMACHO

Best Sunshine senior vice president Jacqueline Wu, center, presents Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofsneider, legislative officials, and Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Alan Fletcher with a check for \$10 million that will be used to assist residential customers of Saipan with their utility bills.

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Best Sunshine Int. Ltd. handed Friday a \$10 million ceremonial

check to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. at the Office of the Governor, making good on a promise to assist Saipan residents with their utility bills.

During the check presentation, Best Sunshine senior vice president Jacqueline Wu told Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofsneider that

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CUC cuts LEAC rate once again

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Power customers of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will start to see lower power bills

in the months ahead after CUC announced yesterday morning that it is reducing its leveled energy adjustment clause, or LEAC rate.

LEAC accounts for 70 percent of power bills and represents the fuel component.

"CUC is able to reduce the fuel charge and consumers will see a drop in their power bills," said CUC executive director Alan Fletcher.

CUC's announcement translates to a drop of about 0.03734 cents per kWh.

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Joint House, Senate session passes Alter City land lease

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A joint session of the Senate and the House of Representatives unanimously approved the public land lease agreement be-

tween Macau-based Alter City Group and the Department of Public Lands last Friday at the lower chamber.

All 20 representatives from the House and eight senators from the Senate voted

"yes" for the public land lease agreement. When the votes were confirmed, the audience in the chamber, which included Alter City officials and Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio, applauded.

The 152-hectare Tinian land lease agreement is for a \$360-million casino resort that Alter City expects to complete within 12 years at the picturesque Puntan Diablo. The development is in three phases

and includes the construction of 1,000 hotel rooms, water parks, an 18-hole golf course, villas, casino facilities, and related tourism amenities.

Alter City Group executive vice president Ken Lin said he's happy that the lease has been approved but he is also anxious for the real work to commence.

"I've known about this island for four or five years ago. I've walked this land from one end to the other many times. I've jumped into the water I don't know how many times and always had this vision once it happens. When I introduced this project to ACG in Macau and to Hong Kong I always told them about how beautiful this island is going to be. Now all the reality is starting to sink in. Thanks for all the people who supported [this project]. The only way this project is going to be successful is with the support of the people from Tinian. Together we can make this become something. This is just the first step of our vision and the real work starts now."

Its chief executive officer, Edvon Sze, also took time to thank the House and the Senate for their unanimous vote on the land lease deal.

"I thank members of the House and the Senate. We appreciate that we're moving this project forward now. Now we can move on with our plans—start with office acquisition, getting equipment, hire professional engineers, and employ locals. Now it's up to us to make this project work," he said.

Sze said that Alter City counsel, Robert Torres, is now looking at applying for a casino license for the company.

"Will soon be in contact with the Tinian Casino Gaming Commission," he said.

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider said the land lease approval is a momentous day not only for the people of Tinian but also for the whole CNMI.

"I want to congratulate the Alter City Group for such an accomplishment on their quest to seek approval from the Legislature. I also want to thank the Legislature for their unanimous vote. Now they can move forward to their next phase as far as their project is concerned. I urge the company to continue on and work with the agencies to make sure conditions set forth on the lease are complied with," Hofschneider added.

DPL Secretary Tenorio said Alter City's plans for Tinian would give the island a much-needed economic boost. He added that he would be in the vanguard to make sure the company follows through on its commitments.

"It's a very, very historic passage in that all the members of Legislature present—20 representatives and eight senators—all agreed that it's a good project.

I look forward to not disappointing our people about it. ... I want to play a key role to make sure that they live up to their commitment and to the lease agreement, and to the expectations that people have," he said.

In the discussion before the passage of the land lease, Rep. Ramon Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) questioned the committee report for not addressing the relocation of the open dumpsite in Puntan Diablo.

"Not sure if...specific issues were addressed to make sure that the closure of the dumpsite will be attainable. ... What is the cost and who will bear the cost of the closing of this landfill?" the lawmaker asked.

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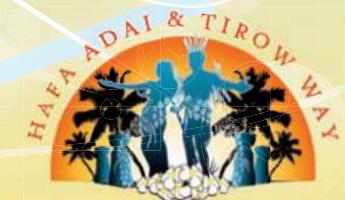
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Pete A says BSI not eyeing Kan Pacific land

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Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio finally broke his silence on Best Sunshine Inc. allegedly eyeing the public land currently being leased by Marianas Resort & Spa Saipan in Marpi.

In an interview following the Senate and House of Representatives' approval of Alter City and Public Lands' land lease deal Friday at the House Chamber, Tenorio said his agency is not offering Kan Pacific Saipan Ltd.'s expiring land lease to the Hong Kong-based investor of the \$7.1-billion integrated casino investment.

"It's not the Kan Pacific lease that's being made available," emphasized Tenorio. "Other people are kind of juggling around information which is not accurate and I want to be absolutely clear that it's not the existing Kan Pacific lease that is being looked at for purposes of providing [Best Sunshine] a lease for their immediate project."

He said the public land be-

Cops recover handguns, 'ice' in CK

Police officers responded to a report of gunshots near A&M Apartment in Chalan Kanoa District 1, and instead recovered handguns, methamphetamine or "ice," and cash from a vehicle and a suspect on Friday morning.

Sgt. Tom Blas stated Friday that the case is under investigation and that no arrests have been made yet.

Blas did not say how many handguns were found and stated that the amount of drugs has not been determined.

He said the Department of Public Safety Central Headquarters received a call about possible gunshots on Friday at 7:42am.

Police officer John Wabol learned that it was a concerned citizen who called DPS about gunshots. When the officer ar-

ived at A&M Apartment, he met a man by the entrance to a house located across the apartment.

The man was uncooperative and did not want to answer to Wabol. The officer then met a female individual who was in a vehicle and was about to leave the house.

The female told the officer that she had an argument with the man that the officer had talked to.

More police officers arrived at the scene to assist Wabol.

Blas said that since "ice" and handguns were recovered, police detectives, Drug Enforcement Administration agents, and Commonwealth Ports Authority and Customs K 9 officers were also called to the scene. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan) said he doesn't like a repeat of the Puerto Rico dumpsite fiasco, of which plans of making it into a park hasn't been realized until now.

"It's a longstanding issue but we also have to be mindful that we're giving away land that will be developed. Cost to shut down Puerto Rico dump was \$10 million. I support economic development in the CNMI, but we should also look at the future. Puerto Rico dump has been closed for 10 years now but we haven't addressed it yet."

Alter City earlier said in a public hearing that their development wouldn't move forward after the first phase if the landfill is not relocated.

However, Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), said with or with-

Pacific and Public Lands with regards to the extension of the former's land lease, the Public Lands secretary remained non-committal on the issue.

"It's separate issue that's three years from now. Something's

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coming up and I'm not prepared to address that," he said.

Mariana Resort is pursuing at least a \$30-million added in-

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MVA discusses tour guide certificate program

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The Marianas Visitors Authority's board of directors met last Thursday to discuss their enforcement responsibilities under Public Law 18-58, which in part requires the islands' tourist operators and guides to be certified by MVA.

The board discussed ways to make sure guides taking visitors to tourist sites are certified, and discussed what it means to be a "freelance" tour guide, among other things.

A "working plan" of six months was set. This, according to MVA managing director Perry Tenorio, is the board's recommended timeframe to officially start the certification program.

Right now, according to Tenorio, there is on the table a plan to have tour guides and operators complete 30 instructional hours for certification, with 20 hours

of classroom instruction, and 10 hours of field instruction.

But "this is subject to change," he said.

MVA has had discussions earlier with the Northern Marianas College on the matter. Tenorio said MVA is going to have to revisit the college and discuss specifics.

He pointed to Guam Visitor Bureau's memorandum-of-understanding with Guam Community College for a similar tourist guide certification program as an example of an option.

Marian Aldan-Pierce, MVA's board chairwoman, called for "true enforcement" of MVA rules and regulations during discussion.

Legal counsel Brad Huesman said MVA would have to decide on how to enforce this, with MVA either having to hire a third party or using its own staff.

Board director Chris Nelson said MVA already has a third

party in place, at least for land operations, with security guards at major tourist sites.

Lau Lau Bay, Obyan Beach, Banzai Cliff, and the Grotto were discussed as some of the major tourist sites.

The board also discussed the "growing trend" of tour guides popping up all over island without necessarily coming from a company, or doing so legally.

Of these "freelance" guides, board director Jerry Tan brought up a real-life example of a Chinese chef with a valid contract worker permit as chef but saw a better opportunity as tour guide.

This is a "real story" he said. People will recognize there is more to be made as a tour guide, he said.

Nelson said in these cases he believes CW workers would have to get another a part-time permit to work as a tour guide.

Discussion centered on tour guides as "the frontlines" of the tourism industry here. Tan

emphasized the importance of "quality over quantity."

He said they could have 10 companies on island with capital, insurance, and good hiring practices versus 50 "mom and pop" companies all over the island, with 10 of them being good and the 40 bad.

"All it takes is a couple of bad tour guides" to affect the reputation of the island in the eyes of tourists, he said, and emphasized high standards in ensuring quality of tour operations moving forward.

Nelson said the certification program could be "turned into something positive."

He said the badges guides will have to wear can be seen as a "badge of honor" and a guide can see a certificate to mean that their "level has upped" and that it may bring better wages.

He said younger folk or the unemployed might pay to get through the program.

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Deleon Guerrero said the victims were not tied up and there were no weapons found at the scene where the bodies were discovered.

Deleon Guerrero said it appeared that the bodies were just dumped in the old runway. He declined to state how the two were killed.

He said they will be submitting a formal request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to assist them in forensic processing that will be required as part of the investigation.

He said Guam chief medical examiner Aurelio Espinola will conduct an autopsy on the bodies.

As of yesterday, there was no person of interest yet as investigation is ongoing, he said.

The commissioner said the victims arrived on Saipan sometime in 2006 or 2007.

Deleon Guerrero said he has no information yet as to the motive as investigation is ongoing.

He said they have reason to believe that there are individuals who may have information that can help them solve the three double homicide cases.

"It's becoming a desperate situation for DPS at this point where we really do want to solve these murders but the limited cooperation on the part of members of the community," he added.

The latest victims had been farming in As Gonno, the same area where Guo Huang Xu and his wife, Qing Xiu Zheng, were found charred in their house that was razed to the ground by fire last Feb. 23.

On Dec. 8, 2012, couple Jun Li Yang and Jing Liu were found murdered inside their home in San Vicente. Jing Liu was president, treasurer and secretary of a company that was planning to put up a recycling center and was engaged in apartment rental.

In March 1995, Zhao Ming Hou and his wife, Yu Hua Huang, who were then owners of Ming-Hua Market in Dandan, were found dead in separate areas in Kagman 3. Prior to the discovery of their bodies, their store was burglarized.

All these double homicides involving Chinese national have remained unsolved.

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The LEAC rate is one of two components of a power bill. It is used for fuel purchases, while the second rate component is the electric base rate, which is used to fund operations, projects, and debt servicing.

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission last month allowed CUC to adjust the LEAC charge every month, instead of every six months, which will allow CUC to adjust monthly pricing based on the "Means of Platts Singapore" or MOPS' monthly pricing.

Fletcher said that they are hopeful that the oil markets will continue the trend as lower fuel prices directly translates into lower power bills for consumers.

BEST

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the amount is Best Sunshine's contribution to the community.

"We are happy to present the check to CUC and we are thankful to be a part of the CNMI and contribute to them," Wu said.

Hofschneider said he was grateful that Best Sunshine is generous and kind enough to contribute to the residents for their utility because power cost in the CNMI is high and it would help the community a lot in paying for their bills.

The donation was made as

part of Best Sunshine's "Community Chest" initiative.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher said that residential customers will get their voucher assistance through an electronic credit process that will be added to their account.

Under CUC's credit-voucher program, Saipan residents now have \$635.71 credited to each of their accounts.

Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* that the \$635.71 doesn't need to be used one time; it's up to the residents under the program. The residents can pay and still have their credit if they want to save it.

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accounts and inactive residential accounts with a service location and meter on residential property as of Oct. 10, 2014, are qualified.

However, eligibility is on an account basis only and not directed to individual persons. It has no cash value and not redeemable for cash or services or any other benefits, and not transferable.

The credit-voucher eligibility decisions are non-disputable under the billing dispute provisions of CUC's regulations.

All unused voucher credits will expire on Oct. 31, 2015.

"Residential account holders

can check their November billing for the credit amount applied to the utility bill," Fletcher said.

This \$10 million utility assistance was promised by Best Sunshine as part of its Community Benefit Fund. The company had vowed to release the funds 60 days after it was issued an exclusive license to build a casino resort on Saipan. The license was issued on Aug. 12.

Best Sunshine has also promised to provide \$20 million, within 60 days after starting the construction of the casino, that will go to education, scholarships, infrastructure, health care, and employee retirement benefits.

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year. But because of scheduling problems with the doctors and the busy schedule out here, I had to postpone it. [When October] came I thought I couldn't postpone it any longer because all things are going to be heating up. I just needed to get it out of the way," he said in the presence of his daughter Christina and granddaughter Desirae at the GOP HQ in Springs Plaza early afternoon yesterday.

The governor earlier said in a statement that shingles was also one of the reasons his bypass checkup was delayed several times. In the interview yesterday, Inos said shingles did play a part and that he actually went to the Philippines last August and was told by doctors to wait a month for his shingles to subside.

Inos said he's "OK now" and is better than ever.

"I feel a lot better than before I got there [Philippines]. Your wish is to be in a position to serve the full term and that's exactly what I plan to do."

'Not the way we do things here'

On rumors that he's not healthy

enough to finish a four-year term if he wins tomorrow's election, Inos said it's simply an act of desperation by his political opponents.

"That's very sad for people, especially in the political arena, to exploit the medical condition of certain candidates. That's just not the way we do things here. But of course, when people are acting in desperation, they resort to anything. My health condition is fine and I'm doing well. I apologize to those who are suffering ailments, they too cannot be told not do anything or that they shouldn't be in a position of authority because of their medical conditions. That's not the way we do things here and it's very unfortunate that this political season created a vehicle by which my opponents used my health conditions as a basis for them to gain support, especially from my supporters.

That's not the way we do things here and I'm really sorry they had to resort to that."

Instead of spreading malicious rumors and insulting people with various health conditions, candidates should just present their plans to the people, he said.

"People would like for them to bring out there plans. How

do they want to address CNMI problems specifically and not just a broad brush of things and that's what's been happening. I don't hear anything specific but point at my health condition. I really apologize for people who have been misled by this situation. I do apologize for people who suffer ailments for this suggestion that they can't do anything and that they're not fit to govern or to be in a position of authority. If elected I would help these folks, not just the ones who don't suffer any ailment. I want to help those with medical conditions so we can stop this medical discrimination down here."

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CUC noted that there has been a "downward trend" in the oil markets for the past weeks, with the October change "piercing" the 4.5-percent threshold and allowing the decrease in the fuel charge.

The current LEAC rate of \$28902 per kWh will go down to \$25168 per kWh. The average residential account using 500 kWh will see a decrease of about \$18.67 per month.

This is the second time that CUC consumers will see a decrease in their power bills. On Sept. 8, the LEAC rate went from \$30426 per kWh to

AFTER ALLEGED KOREA, CHINA CHEATING SCANDAL

Some of Saipan students' SAT scores are delayed

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
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Several Korean and Chinese students on Saipan were expecting to receive their SAT scores last week Thursday after taking the standardized test on Oct. 11, 2014. Instead, the students received an email from the College Board, stating that they have placed the scores of all students from Korea and China on hold for administrative review. The decision came after allegations of cheating on the test in Korean and Chinese schools surfaced.

The Washington Post and several other major news outlets have reported that the College Board is investigating allegations of cheating on the October test and has delayed its distribution to students who are residents of China and Korea.

Magic, bubbles combine in unique show

Dive into an undersea spectacle of bubbles and magic on Nov. 5 at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

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The College Board, in a statement, said that they, along with the Educational Testing Service, "are committed to ensuring quality standards and fairness to all students."

Students affected by the alleged cheating scandal received an email from ETS saying that they go through great lengths to ensure accurate and valid test results after every test administration.

"It is with this objective in mind that we sometimes take additional quality control steps before scores are released," they said.

ETS added that the October 2014 SAT scores will be reported to the students and their school if there are no red flags or questions they have pertaining to the individual student's score. The test is believed to have been the same SAT exam

given to U.S. students in December of 2013.

Grace Christian Principal Beth Ann Nunez said that she finds the news "very disappointing".

"The issue in South Korea has now greatly affected some of the Korean students of the CNMI," she added. "This delay has specifically affected one of our students who is applying for early admission into a topnotch university in the United States."

Nunez said she contacted the College Board to try and clear up the issue and hopes that it will be resolved quickly.

One foreign student on island told *Saipan Tribune* that one of his friends is a student at the Korean Academy accused of cheating. The high school student said that officials at the school allegedly opened the test's answer sheets before it was administered to students.

In May of last year, according to *The Washington Post*, the entire country of South Korea was not allowed to take the SAT exam because of leaked test questions.

Anna Yushkova.

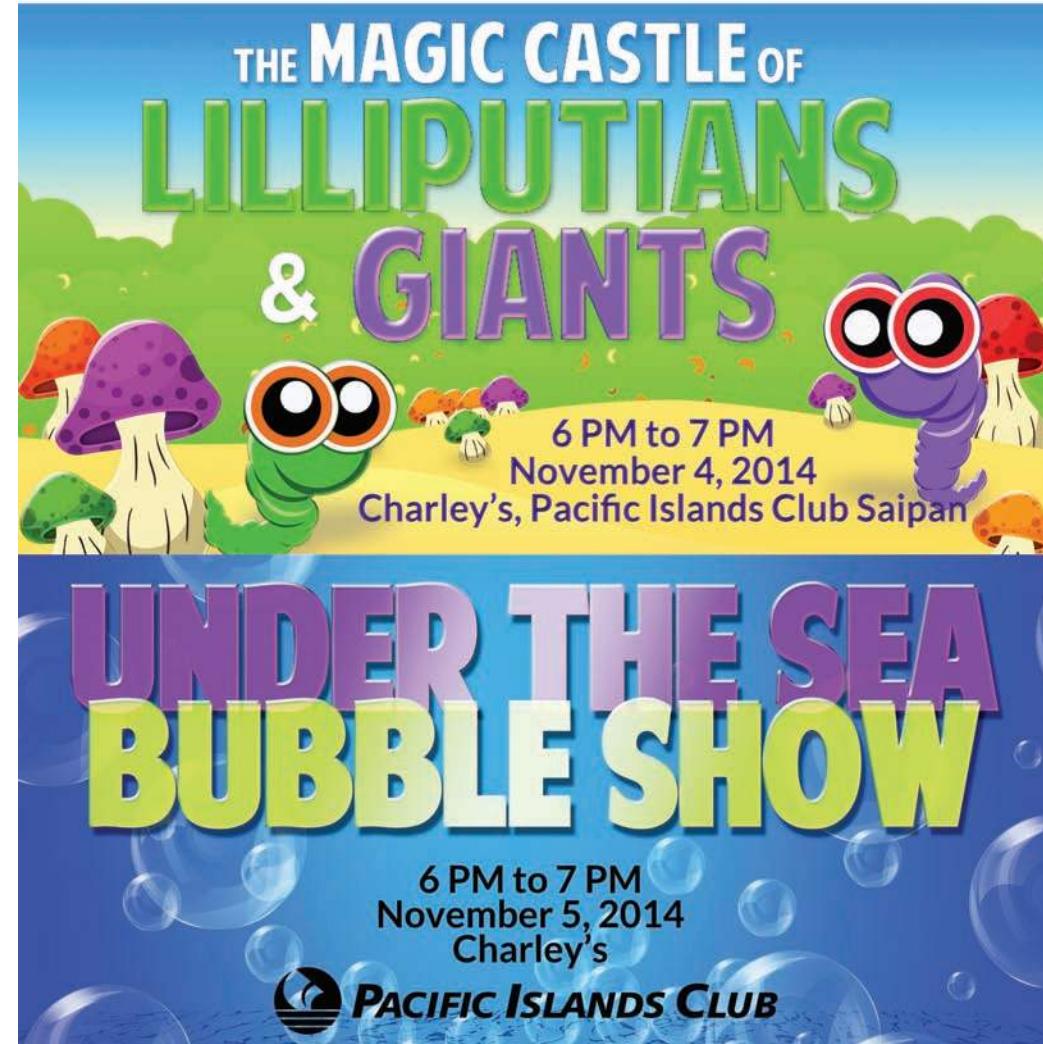
The show will have performers using lighting and bubble effects to seemingly chemically alter your environment in bubbles of enormous sizes you've never seen before.

While the "under the sea" event is targeted to families and their children, adults are welcome. In fact, the whole

island is more than welcome to join in and step into an elusive undersea spectacle that "no one has ever seen before," said Yushkova.

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CHC's Muña urges public to get themselves checked

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. wants the public to get themselves screened to ensure that they know the status of their health.

"We are asking the public to start getting themselves checked and screened at the hospital as soon as they can," Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer

Esther Muña said last week.

With majority of deaths in the CNMI caused by chronic diseases, Muña said the hospital staff is upping up their game in educating the public on major chronic diseases.

Diabetes, cancer, and heart diseases are usually the number one causes of deaths in the CNMI due to people not being screened if they already have these diseases.

Muña said that CHCC Med-

ical Director John Doyle is leading the charge in reaching out to the public to be aware of their health.

With over 30 physicians already at the hospital, Muña said

the hospital already offers free health screening.

"As the public's main healthcare provider, we want the public to be more aware of their health and let them know

that they can avail of screening for free and that if they get checked early they can avoid issues within them and maybe find possible diseases that causes future problems to their

health," Muña said.

For more information about your health and information on how to get yourself screened and checked, contact CHC at 234-8950.

Club C features new live entertainment



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

World renowned guitarist and singer Curtis Scott aka "Big C" is Club C's newest performing artist.

Club C, located in the Kanoa Resort, announced Friday the addition of world renowned guitarist and singer Curtis Scott aka "Big C" who will be performing in the iconic Club C stage.

Curtis debuted at Club C in late August and is a perfect fit for Saipan's first and only hip and trendy e-gaming facilities.

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Originally from the city of Milwaukee, Curtis comes to Saipan from recent gigs in Hong Kong, China, Thailand, Singapore, Jamaica and other locations. "I love Saipan, this place is very laidback—the vibes are great, the people are genuinely nice and I look forward to meeting more people and making new friends," Curtis said.

Coming from a family of musicians, Curtis couldn't escape the art. His mother and father

were both musicians, with his father once playing for the Jackson 5. Curtis would pick up different instrument skills from his family members as he grew up such as the bass guitar from his uncle, guitar from his cousins, and piano from his aunt. Curtis eventually became proficient in many types of instrument and music style.

Curtis says his inspirations are split in two. Legends like Michael Jackson, DeBarge, Chaka Kahn, and old Motown to today's more contemporary singers like Neyo, R. Kelly, D'Angelo and Maxwell.

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More than 1K SSI beneficiaries will see increased payments on Dec. 31

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

With the Social Security Administration's announcement last month of a 1.7-percent increase in benefits, more than 1,000 Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries in the CNMI will see increases in payments starting Dec. 31.

In an email to *Saipan Tribune* last week, SSA regional communications director Patricia Raymond said the SSI beneficiaries in the CNMI also include those receiving SSI because of a disability.

SSI is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income elderly or persons with

disabilities in the United States, District of Columbia, and NMI.

Raymond said the latest data they have so far on the number of beneficiaries in the CNMI is from 2013 and don't have any number yet for 2014.

Based on 2013 numbers provided by Raymond, more than 900 people with disabilities will receive increases in payments along with more than 100 elderly and blind ones.

Nearly 200 under Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance or OASDI are included in the increase this December because they receive SSI as well.

OASDI is also called Social Security, of which more than 2,000 beneficiaries in the

NMI will receive increases in January 2015.

Understanding how much NMI gets for SSI after December

The SSI federal payment standard is now \$721 a month and will increase to \$733 a month for a single person. The \$1,082 a month for a couple will increase to \$1,100. This amount is based on how much the federal government pays as its base standard to those eligible for SSI.

NMI residents under SSI resource limits [SSI beneficiaries who have land, car, insurance, etc.] will remain the same and receive \$2,000 a month for a single person and \$3,000 a

month for a couple.

NMI students who are blind or disabled receiving SSI will get an increase from \$1,750 to \$1,780 a month.

"The increase is effective Jan. 1, 2015, and SSI payments are paid on the first day of the month. However, when the first day of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal federal holiday, checks are paid on the first preceding day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal federal holiday," Raymond said.

Raymond also clarified that the payment increase for SSI is implemented on Dec. 31, because the payment is actually Jan. 1, New Year, and those receiving SSI will receive both an increase and a check before New Year.

Raymond said those who need more information may visit their website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

November 3, 2011

Kilili: I'm doing everything to move HR 1466 forward

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) is back on island and said he continues to work hard so that his bill that seeks to afford "CNMI-only" resident status to four particular groups of aliens is passed by Congress at the soonest possible time. "We have been reaching out to leadership from both sides of the aisle to move HR 1466 forward. Since we do not control the gavel, there is no way for me to say for certain when a vote will be scheduled but we continue to try and get a vote at the earliest opportunity," he said. With only 24 days to go before the expiration of umbrella permits on Nov. 27, 2011, the two-term congressman said it is essential that HR 1466 passes the U.S. House after it was green-lighted at the committee level a couple of months back.

Man beats up woman on Tinian

A woman sustained multiple injuries Sunday after she was allegedly beaten up on Tinian by a man who is on probation for domestic violence on Saipan. The victim was taken by ambulance to Tinian Health Center due to a laceration above the left eye. She complained of pain in the left ribcage and back. The suspect, Joseph Naputi Borja, 27, was arrested for assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and contempt of court. The police report did not indicate the victim's relationship with Borja. Borja's bail was set at \$10,000 cash. Preliminary hearing will be on Nov. 8 at 1:30pm. According to the police report, the victim called 911 on Sunday at 10am to ask for help. When two police officers arrived at Borja's residence, they saw six children crying and yelling in the kitchen.

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searched her handbag. "When he was done he turned to [the victim] and [patted her down]," the report said. "During this search, [the victim] stated that the guard touched her breast."

112 workers demand wages from former employer

Over 100 alien workers turned up at the Department of Labor yesterday to seek right to transfer to new employers and to demand payment of wages. The workers form barely a third of the 363 employees left without jobs after garment firm N.E.T. Corp. shut down in April. In an interview, Labor hearing officer Herb Soll said most of the former N.E.T. Corp. employees have found new employers. However, at least 112 workers remain without a job and have pending wage claims. Of the 112, only 29 have been able to appear before the hearing as of 12 noon. Most of them were given memorandums to seek new employers within 45 days.

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5 plead not guilty to illegal gambling

Five of the six Chinese nationals accused of conducting illegal gambling operations in Garapan pleaded not guilty during their arraignment yesterday in the U.S. District Court. The other defendant did not appear at the hearing. Two are still being detained by the U.S. Marshal, while the three are out on bail. They were indicted the other day by a grand jury on four counts of illegal gambling, conspiracy and money laundering which were filed by the federal government. Liu Jun Wei alias "A-Wei," Tam Pan "Bing Ge," Huang Hui Men "A-Huang," Chen Cheng Zhan "A-Chen," Cai Zai Ming "A-Ming," and Chen Yung Yao "Daryl Chen" were named as defendants.

Jury to decide on \$1M police brutality suit

The jury deliberating on the merits of the \$1 million damage suit against the CNMI government by alleged victim of police brutality Ramon A. Ayuyu is likely to hand down its decision today. Lawyers for both parties made their closing arguments yesterday to plea their case to the six jurors, asking them to weigh the testimonies for the preponderance of the truth. The case has become a question of credibility of the plaintiff and of the main defendant, police officer Hilary Tagabuel, who each presented a different account of what took place on Nov. 26, 1997. Mr. Ayuyu, 22, claimed he was beaten up and had a gun pointed at his head by five police officers.

Sablan: A vote for HLI 18-12 is an investment in education

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
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The people of the CNMI will vote on three House legislative initiatives tomorrow. One of the initiatives, HLI 18-12, will determine whether or not the Public School System will receive a 10-percent increase from the current 15 percent minimum funding it receives from the CNMI government's annual appropriation.

According to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, the legislative initiative is a "historic" one.

"It had to originate somewhere," she said. "And it originated out of a lot of conversations we had at our Legislature meetings about our budget in the Public School System. Each time we went there, we asked for a budget that would be sufficient to operate the school district."

Sablan noted that since assuming the position of commissioner in 2008, the school system has not received its desired \$40 million.

"The Constitution says we get a minimum of 15 percent, but each time we go up there we fight for more than 15 percent," she added. "In the past years we have been given 22 to 24 percent of the budget. And the 25 percent is a conversation that has happened over the last couple of years."

After a unanimous vote to put the question on the ballot by the House and Senate, Sablan now urges people to do their part and exercise their right to vote for "the investment in education."

Sablan said the initiative is not just about current students but future students as well.

"We need the funding now to support the programs that are key to every student."

The Public School System has conducted major advertising highlighting what the additional funds will be used for if HLI 18-12 were to receive a majority "Yes" vote tomorrow.

Full-day kindergarten programs, continuous school improvement, and modernization of school facilities, class size reduction, and classroom instructional materials and technology are things that the Public School System will be able to afford if HLI 18-12 passes.

"If we all continue to work together for the children, then this initiative should pass," she said.

The initiative has also raised questions of the financial accountability of PSS, with the possibility of receiving 25 percent annually.

Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* that PSS' accountability is already established in the community.

"I think we are the only agency that puts out a monthly newsletter. We go on the radio and television to show the public the performance that we do against



THOMAS MANGLONA II
House Legislative Initiative 18-12 posters fill the Public School System's entrance.

the dollars that we get," she explained. "We make it public where we are with finances and using our money and showing where we are cutting and where we need to put more money into. All of our reports are also on our website."

Sablan said the Parent, Teacher, and Student Association will play a key role in developing priorities with more funding.

"A plan will also be developed involving all key stakeholders that are concerned with where the dollars are going," she said.

Sablan pointed out that public education is very costly. "Everything is free and nothing is provided for."

She said that she cannot unequivocally say that the funds will ever be enough because of a "very diverse demographic and needs" of parents and students.

She noted that the needs of every campus are different and each year the funds requested are based solely on the needs of that school year.

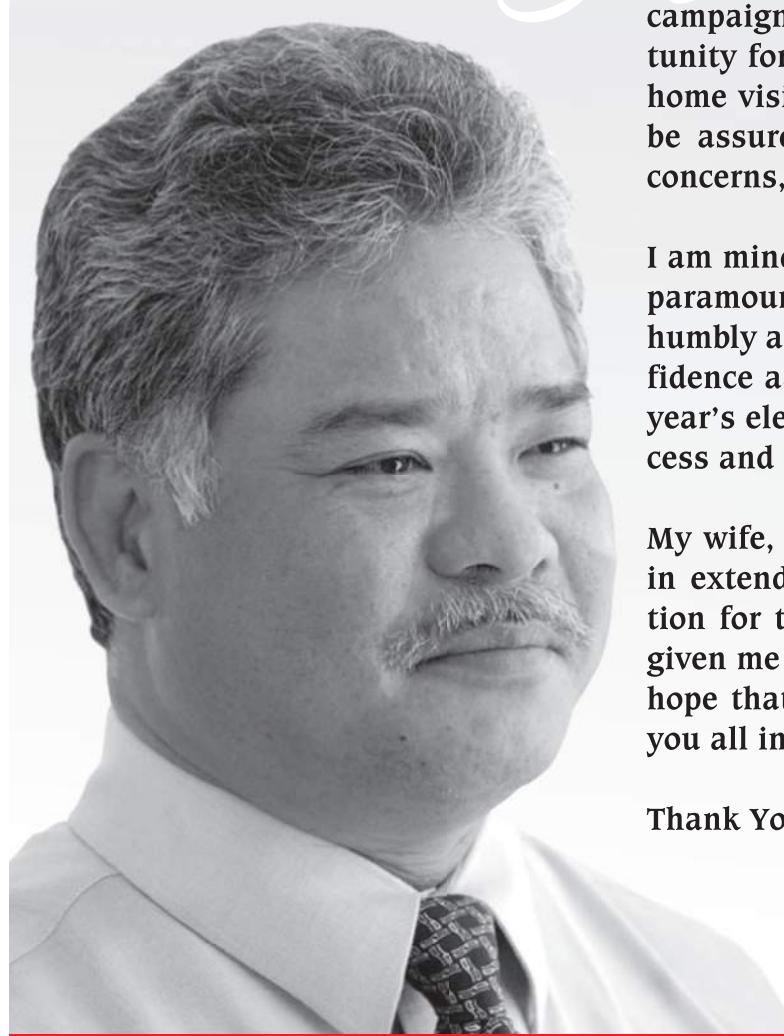
The funds currently received by PSS allow the system to scrape by, while the student population grows, along with the classroom sizes.

"The commitment we get from the staff and teachers is what really keeps us afloat," she said. "I have principals working until 10pm. I have teachers who leave work after 4:30. They go to PTSA meetings, soccer games, and a lot of other events for the students. The staff's cohesiveness allows us to make things happen every year."

Sablan has personally talked to voters and listened to their concerns.

"There have been a lot of good vibes. People are curious and enthusiastic about it. A couple of people are still questioning the initiative and are welcome to talk to us to understand what this is about," she said.

This November 4th, we humbly ask for the
People's Vote of Confidence



To my dear people of Saipan and Northern Islands,

As we approach the closure of this year's election, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest appreciation for all the time and attention you afforded me throughout our campaign trail. I am most grateful for the opportunity for our personal conversations during my home visits and at community functions. Please be assured that I listened intently to all your concerns, advices and your recommendations.

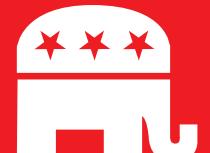
I am mindful that your interest and welfare is of paramount responsibility that I take seriously. I humbly and respectfully ask for your vote of confidence as we journey toward the closing of this year's election, both during the early voting process and into November 4th.

My wife, Wella, our children and family join me in extending our sincere and deepest appreciation for the privilege and opportunity you have given me to share my views and aspiration and I hope that I have earned your trust to represent you all in the Senate.

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Israel's closest frenemy

It's a remarkable fact that Barack Obama's presidency—marketed, it should be remembered, as an occasion for rapprochement both at home and abroad—has given rise to so many needless conflicts. On the domestic side, this has played out primarily through an unnecessary antagonism toward Republicans—though, since the GOP seems content to return the favor, it's hard to place too much blame in the president's lap.

In foreign affairs, however, Mr. Obama has a regrettable tendency to be far more indulgent of America's adversaries than her allies. That's been the case with the United Kingdom, where the president seems to have exhausted whatever good will still underpinned the "special relationship." It was the case in Poland and the Czech Republic, where the White House decided to forego planned missile defense sites. And it has been most acutely the case in regard to the nation of Israel.

The fact that Mr. Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu don't think very highly of each other is probably the worst-kept secret in foreign affairs. Personal animus, however, ought not to threaten a long-standing relationship between two nations with as many common values and strategic concerns. Increasingly, however, that seems to be precisely what's happening.

In a report released this week by the Atlantic's Jeffrey Goldberg, one anonymous senior Obama administration official referred to Prime Minister Netanyahu with an epithet unfit for print (it involved the waste product of poultry). Another senior official in the same story seconded that verdict and referred to Mr. Netanyahu as a "coward" in regard to the threat of a nuclear Iran. This from the administration whose foreign policy was supposed to be all about winning friends and influencing people.

Needless to say, this sort of public backbiting represents a low-water mark in Obama administration diplomacy. It also, however, fails to pass the laugh test. Mr. Netanyahu—a former member of Israel's Special Forces who was wounded in combat—may be many things, but a coward is not one of them. That the insult originated within an administration whose reflexive approach to foreign policy is temporizing only makes it that much more risible.

We don't expect Mr. Obama to suddenly discover a newfound affection for Mr. Netanyahu. Some things are just not meant to be. But we do expect him to understand that, as president of the United States, he has a deeper obligation to preserve relationships that advance the values and national security interests of the country he leads—and will hand off to a successor. It is exceedingly late in the day for the president to still be learning such rudimentary lessons.



The heat is on

The heat in our article is actually the mundane one, required in the temperate zone and ignored as having too much in places like Saipan, at least two months in a year. Ninety-nine candidates vie for positions in tomorrow's CNMI elections. That's a heat of a different color! We'll deal with that tomorrow!

It was the mountain of coal by the heater plant across the Friendship Villa at SAU that I remember as it sent plumes of white steam into the sky. I wondered when my lungs were going to catch the asthma that threatened inhalers of its particulates. My Iranian friend hightailed it to Anshan closer to the gulf of Bohai, though given the severity of the air pollution in the region the air current from the gulf that clears the sky probably does not make that much difference.

The first of November marks the day the switch is turned on at the plant that sends the heated water through our tenement radiators. I understand that the water is tepid by the time it gets to tenement homes. Unlike the regular water supply, this one is not metered, so it is \$500 flat for four months, possibly cheap by Poughkeepsie's rates but hard on this pocket in China's northeast!

Let me first get to the heat from fossil fuel. Petroleum is as old as bonfire but as an active player in contemporary politics, economics and culture, the industry has its roots only recently in the 20th century, and largely with the invention of the internal combustion engine. One cannot understand the rise of the British Empire without that engine and knowing how its industry proceeded, then handing the baton of empire building to the United States after WWII left the UK emaciated.

Historians will remember that an Anglo-American covert operation went after duly elected PM Mohammed Mosaddegh of Iran after he nationalized the petroleum industry in 1951. We got rid of the popular PM in a *coup d'état* in 1953, and then returned Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi to power.

Western companies gobbled Iran's oil following Mosaddegh's nationalization. They were the seven sisters then, now the four *supermajors*: (U.S.) ExxonMobil that absorbed Esso; Royal Dutch Shell (Neth/UK); Chevron (U.S.) that acquired SoCal and Texaco; and BP (UK) that now owns Gulf but lets it operate in the U.S. on that brand.

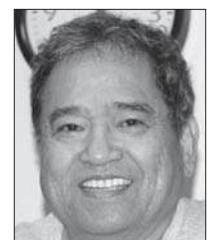
Enrico Mattel of the Italian oil company Eni called the consortium in Iran the "seven sisters" that controlled Middle East oil production after WWII, later fingered as a shadowy oil cartel accused of trying to eliminate competition, to control the world's oil resource.

That was until the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries became a power bloc. Founded in 1960, it consists of Algeria, Angola, Indonesia, Kuwait, Iran, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Venezuela. Then the imams

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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of Iran decided to take care of the shah who was awash with cash but drowned Iran in high inflation.

In 2013, the *Financial Times* identified the new "seven sisters": Saudi Aramco (Saudi Arabia), CNPC (China), Gazprom (Russia), National Iranian Oil Co., Petrobras (Brazil), PDVSA (Venezuela), and Petronas (Malaysia). Guess why I think this is significant? Both Venezuela and Malaysia had just been voted to be members of the UN Security Council.

They who provide the means to the world's production of fossil fuel set the world on fire! Venezuela might vote with Russia and China in the Security Council but Malay-in-Asia will surely toe the line of its colonial master. Of no consequence, really, since the only heat the UN Security Council seems to generate these days is to aggravate the Israel-Palestinian mutual genocide, stoke fires to distract Ukraine's cold winter, and bless the new drumbeats from Japan, the Israel of Asia!

Heat in this year's federal election is lukewarm. Sending back Kilili is a no-brainer, no offense to Andrew. Of the voting members of the U.S. Congress, the Senate might turn GOP if McConnell lassos six more senators. Louisiana's senator might even lose for suggesting that the South is not receptive to an Afro-Am! Between Harry Reid and Mitch McConnell, the action in the upper chamber feels like a petty quarrel at an elder's home anyway!

John Boehner is still trying to impeach Obama. All 435 seats in Congress are up for grabs. The GOP is predicted to maintain its edge. Obama will spend his last two years in office dodging GOP's slings and arrows. Gridlock will continue. Executive Obama will be vilified as King! There are no surprise miracles in this election.

I welcome the Russia-China agreement on piping gas from the Far East to Manchuria. That will delay Russia's collapse; might even give it time to modernize its economy and save itself as too dependent on rich resources. That cuts down on coal emissions in China. I support the derricks in China Sea in the meantime but wind and hydro turbines, solar panels and electric vehicles, are China's future, and the world's, too. That's the heat I am on! How 'bout you?

Immature racist immigration agenda

U.S. immigration is federal law, the control of which lies with the feds. It permits non-citizens who have been in any territory or state to apply for permanent residency after five continuous years of domiciliary. It sets the stage for U.S. citizenship over a 10-year period.

It's federal law we can't stop in any form or fashion. It has requirements that must be met, including annual income so the person doesn't become a public charge.

For anti-immigration folks, why weren't you at the Horiguchi Building when new U.S. citizens were taking their oath as the newest addition to the greater community of the U.S. of A? Or did you ever file a letter of protest to stop the process? What was the answer from US INS? It's federal law we can't stop, no matter where we go.

Do I have problems with people seeking to be legally a permanent part of the NMI community? Nope! In fact I welcome them here. We need their contributions for this has become "home" to their families. We've gotten along fine. We've shared problems, concerns and little victories standing side by side. Struggling to make ends meet pans out to everybody. It doesn't discriminate or skip one over the other. It hits and hits woefully hard against, again, everybody!

I am Chamorro, partly Carolinian, and Pinoy. Do I know what percentage of my blood is from Ulul Atoll in Chuuk State or Visayas? Nope! Is there DNA technology that could decipher blood quantum? Nope! So why are we fooling ourselves with a nonexistent technology? Or does it feel good fooling our senses or is it now the new fad found only in the NMI? The disorienting discussion in immaturity is simply humiliating!

I grew up at the peak of the racial clash between Chamorros and Carolinians in the late '50s. I never paid any attention to it until it finally landed in the sea of gradual maturity. I heard every condescending vile leveled against Carolinians in those days. But "people are people" and no matter their racial extraction, the pain, suffering and little victories we face never discriminate.

Finally, learn to live at peace with yourself so that when you venture outside you'd come to realize that, yes, "people are people" whose aspirations are the same as yours. Welcome home!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Credit where credit is due

Let me give credit where credit is due. It was reported that I donated "all" of the 40-plus prizes raffled at the Kilili for Congress luncheon last Saturday to help Dandan Middle School parents build a bus shelter for their children. I did not.

The Dandan Middle School PTSA, Ms. Annie Blanco, Mr. Joe Flores, Mr. Angel Ray "Pan" Guerrero, Mr. Noriyasu Horiguchi, Mr. and Mrs. Ta Bun Kuy, Mr. John Pialur, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Propst, Mr. Juan "Santiago" Tenorio, and Rep. Ralph Yumul also generously provided prizes.

And when Mr. Chan, the Chairman of Mega Stars Overseas Ltd.,

A hunger that couldn't wait

We saw this week the flocks of voters converging on the Multi-Purpose Center to cast their votes early beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 28. I would like to think that people decided to cast their votes early because we are so desperate for change! They couldn't wait to place their ballot in the box to affect change for a brighter, happier, equitable and sound future for us all.

The need for improvements in every aspect of our lives has created a hunger that couldn't wait, being so terribly disrespected by our elected officials who have completely ignored their promises to us when they took office to provide for a healthier, safer, and sounder government.

These are the same officials who felt it was OK to disregard our intentions on the legislative initiatives that were placed on the ballot twice; and the people defeated the initiatives twice. Still these same elected officials decided it was OK to pass bill into law that directly contradicted the will of the voting public.

We must vote for leaders with integrity, leaders who ask what we want and listen, and create policy and legislations that coincides with the public's demand.

That said, as an independent candidate, a man of the people, I have chosen to stand up and demand that we follow the will of the people.

I chose to be an independent candidate because I believe that the social, economic and financial injustices that have plagued our islands can only be corrected when we work with honor and integrity.

We have to support our youth with healthy, creative, and learning situations outside of school for them to truly blossom and become our new leaders. We must afford our youth a safe place to develop friendships, exercise, and explore our heritage in a supportive envi-

Wholesaling the NMI

Startling the subtlety with which incumbent GOP leadership on the hill has wholesaled these isles. It started with \$30 million in casino money that paid for the 25 percent illegally cut by the Inos administration on retirees' pension. We're back to square one: 75 percent, right?

Best Sunshine came back with another \$10 million to cover power bills for CUC customers, most of whom are voters. Reportedly, the 10 silvers came out of BSI's so-called "community chest."

Appalling how politicians have easily succumbed to ill-fated casino gambling law (without engaging due diligence) crystallizing greed. They simply ignored the voice of "we the people." Why would they wholesale the NMI for a couple silvers?

I would be content or even ignore it. But the timing of the 10 silvers is highly questionable coming right before the eve of this year's election. Would BSI come back in subsequent years and donate the same amount? Would the other two casinos on Tinian be as generous and magnanimous as BSI? If not, is there a reason for withholding as generous a contribution as BSI's?

Let's recapture and re-chart our future in a government "of the people, for the people and by the people." We're not ready to prolong leadership crisis! *No mas!*

Indigenous challenges '15

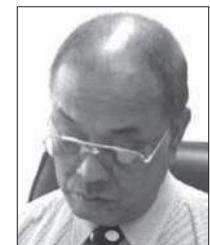
In trying to understand the scattershot discussions on indigenous rights to self-government, disheartening that there doesn't seem to be a framework for discussion in organized fashion what the concept entails according to the founding document. Have we been factually denied our rights to self-rule? If so, could this be quantified or is it off-the-hip rhetoric?

What's the goal? Is it the use of the forum as launch pads for political careers? And so the goal then is about power? Shouldn't this be redirected so it focuses on success and achievement in fostering true self-government? Shouldn't this be founded on real rather than perceptual reality that begins with our owning up to our responsibilities as citizens to instill accountable and

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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responsible government that lives within its means?

For instance, there are firewalls or constitutional provisions dictating expenditure of public funds, including a mandate to retire deficits. Yet we're saddled with deficit spending that has reached crisis level. Why the loose attitude on this score? Isn't this about how our tax contributions are spent? So why would you be afraid to say your piece?

Does the NMI really need a 29-member bicameral legislature? Has it produced quality policy matters addressing, with the view to improve, persistent economic and fiscal crisis? Do we really need a \$4.8 million legislature so disconnected from the real familial economic issues of our people? Is this an issue we could resolve realistically to strengthen and give credence to our claim of self-government?

Does the CNMI need 2,500-plus employees? Has the quality of public services improved significantly with this many employees who receive their loot through taxes we pay? Or has it gone the other way? Do you still wish to pay this excess baggage when you could be using your tax contributions wisely to improve the wellbeing of your family?

If I may illustrate: The fiscal year 2015 budget totals about \$135 million. Subtract 80 percent of it (\$108 million) for government salaries that leaves a balance of \$27 million for everything else. Do you see why the NMI can't even pay its \$23-million utility debt? Where's the source of funds to meet federal-court ordered payment for the settlement fund's 75 percent (retirement)? Like it or not, this government is bankrupt or broke! How do we resolve this fiscal mess?

our ARC prizes to the Dandan Middle School PTSA.

Maybe I should apologize to the over 400 people who came to the Kilili for Congress fundraiser and then got asked to contribute more for Dandan Middle School. But I think we were all very happy that we raised enough to build a bus shelter that will keep students protected from the rain for many years to come.

Thanks to everyone who made this success.

Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan

Garapan, Saipan

son without the threat of being washed away in a flood and losing most, if not all, of our sentimental possessions.

As your independent candidate, I am free to work in a bipartisan environment to ensure that the issues that have been ignored for decades can now be addressed with the best possible outcome for all.

As your independent candidate, I am not held to any recognized party's platforms or agenda of anyone but my constituents. It is fundamental that the concerns of the residents of Precinct 2 are addressed quickly and effectively for the benefit of all.

Now is the time for us to take action to bring about equality, socio-economic change, and prosperity into every home for every citizen in the CNMI to benefit.

I am grateful for your support on Oct. 19 during our small but successful gathering. It was an opportunity to meet and hear many of your concerns so that I can address them when I am elected into office on Nov. 4.

Vicente 'Ben' Aldan Ichihara

Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

Please open AMP tennis courts

Can someone please open the tennis courts at the American Memorial Park?

Last April, work began on the resurfacing and refurbishing of the courts and fencing at AMP. I'm not sure what the projected finish date was at the time, but I am pretty sure it wasn't November. If you look online, most of the companies suggest that a complete resurfacing takes about one week per court. It takes 60 days to build brand new courts

from scratch! Why are we operating on a seven-month plan?

This is ridiculous. The courts have been finished and ready for play for weeks, and they still aren't open. Can someone out there please help? Thank you,

Margaret Rose

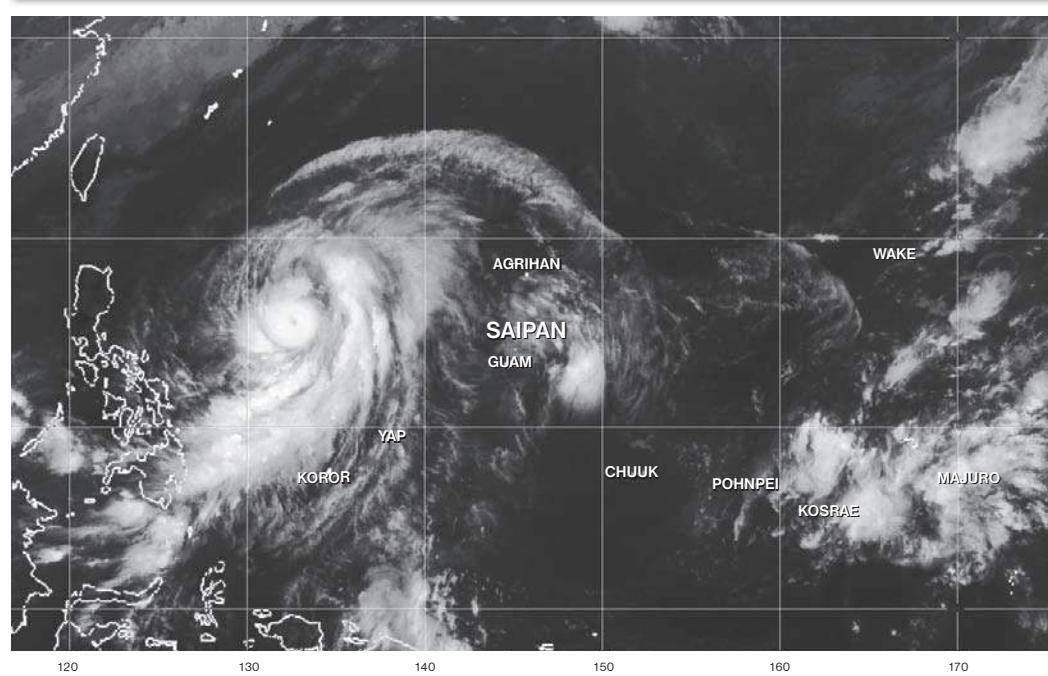
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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 85° ▼ 75°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Nuri is centered 570 miles northwest of Yap at 16N133E moving north-northwestward at 8 mph with maximum sustained winds of 110 mph. Heavy rain and a few thunderstorms are found within 180 miles of the center. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are located south and east of Nuri within 150 miles north and south of a line from 9N130E to 15N138E and between 16N and 19N from 135E to 137E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring between 19N and 20N from 130E to 135E and between 15N and 20N from 137E to 140E. For more information on Typhoon Nuri, see warnings issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. Low-level wind flow convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Yap between the equator and 5N from 137E to 140E. A tropical disturbance east of the Marianas centered near 14N147E is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 12N and 18N from 146E to 150E. Two surface troughs are located east of Pohnpei. The first extends from 3N161E to 11N168E with the second one stretching from 5N175E to 11N179E. These two troughs are producing scattered showers over Kosrae and the Marshall Islands between 4N and 11N from 161E to 180E. A cold front extends from 26N180 to 22N167E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms can be found along and up to 200 miles north of the boundary.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 80

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:11 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
10:15 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
4:41 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
11:20 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:14 AM	6:47 PM
Tuesday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Wednesday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Thursday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Friday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:55 PM	2:22 AM
Tuesday	3:42 PM	3:20 AM
Wednesday	4:30 PM	4:18 AM
Thursday	5:18 PM	5:16 AM
Friday	6:08 PM	6:13 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070 4:15am 5:05am Daily				UA5069 2:45am 3:35am Daily			
UA5068 8:00am 8:50am 3				UA5071 6:40am 7:30am 3			
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UA5044 10:50pm 11:40pm 1, 5				UA5043 9:30pm 10:20pm 1, 5			
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SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287 6:05am 11:30pm 2, 6 via NRT				DL298 4:30am 3:05pm 3, 7 via NRT			
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287 6:05am 8:40am Daily				DL298 10:25am 3:05pm Daily			
DL297 4:20pm 7:20pm Daily				DL288 8:55pm 1:30am+1 Daily			
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Polls don't lie

It's just like the *Happy* video I did said—no offense to voters, don't waste your time with Inos. I am writing this as an individual voter because I feel duty-bound as a citizen to remain true to the game of politics, true to the CNMI, and true to the people first and foremost. I can say for true the majority of voters will be happy after the election process as it is already clear that everyone wants change and a new governor. With three candidates challenging the incumbent, the administration does not stand a chance of winning.

From the very start I was supporting and telling readers it's Babauta or Tofila and I still believe the revival of the Democratic Party is the more complete solution to fixing our sick democracy. However, the science of politics and the wisdom I have gained over the years is dictating an Inos/Torres loss and even a Babauta win. But I still have hope for the uphill battle by my team to be in the runoff but I know for true that Inos/Torres won't win in the end. Here are the facts based on the MV poll as of Sunday, Nov. 2, 2014, with 12,619 votes: Ed and Dan, 1.6 percent; Heinz and Ray, 15.3 percent; Inos and Torres, 19.1 percent; and Babauta and Torres, 52.3 percent, with 11.8 percent not supporting any candidate. In Biblical terminology we call this "the handwriting on the wall" as polls don't lie even if they are off by a few percentage points. There is also the fact that an overwhelming majority of the supporters of the Babauta and Torres, Heinz and Ray, and Ed and Dan teams will unite against Inos/Torres if there is a runoff (I bet the inexperienced Ralph wishes he would have conducted a primary for his running mate now). So don't waste your time with Inos as the popularity contest of double signs and more advertisement by IT is a lost battle!

I gave it my very best shot to try and help the Democrats and it truly hurts to make this revelation but I have pledged to always do what I feel is best when it comes to helping and informing the people as to what is really going on. I also want my team to know and be prepared for the challenge we face as the reality of this election season sets in for Game Day tomorrow.

Polls don't lie; they may be off by some percentage points but polls do not lie and Babauta is literally running away in the polls with over 12,000 votes cast and over 52 percent of the votes. After the forum where only Babauta showed up, I'm sure that social scientists and political scientists would dictate an even bigger win for Babauta with the other three dividing up the remaining 40-

plus percent and fighting for a distant second. But what makes me happy is with the poll results and the 3-to-1 odds it's really over for Inos/Torres. The fat lady is just waiting for Election Day to sing!

On a final note, I want to commend the Democratic Party for trying to right the ship but readers need to know that polls

are tools used by the real political scientists to determine what will happen in the political arena before it happens or to determine what should happen! Many of the predictions I made in the past that came true were meant to prove to readers the science of politics does work and is seldom wrong. I'm sure this prediction and the results of this election will help to show voters why it's

so important and why I keep pushing for an official voter poll (a political tool for the people) so we can solve some of our most challenging social and economic issues so we can move on and forward.

Now the science is dictating a Babauta win and I'm just the messenger of truth that is even hurting me personally in the anticipation of a loss by the Democratic candidates. I

still have hope for the Democrats but I am also a realist and I don't want my team to feel bad but this is not a baseball game that can change with one home run. But I am glad that I did recognize Mr. Babauta as possibly being the best qualified and the best alternative to a Democrat for governor.

I know some of my fellow Democrats may not like this letter and what I have said but

please don't be mad at me. Please try to understand that I didn't write this to be discouraging but to tell the truth and to soften the blow as I work for the people first and the Democrats second. I must remain true and I will speak up for what I feel is best for the CNMI and tell it like it is.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman III, Saipan

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A reflection on business leadership and economic strategy

By JUAN NEKAI BABAUTA & JUAN SABLÁN TORRES
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

First of a two-part series

In a Babauta-Torres administration, Juan S. Torres and I will focus squarely on being fiscally responsible, turning our economy around, getting citizens back to work and setting the foundation for a healthier, stronger, and sustainable future of this great U.S. commonwealth democracy!

Like most citizens and fellow Americans in the Commonwealth, the Babauta-Torres leadership is deeply troubled by our economic wreck and the sluggish economic recovery and the troubling effects on families, businesses, and the community. Opportunity, especially for the young high school and college graduates, older Americans and the underrepresented disadvantaged population, is on a slippery decline. Underemployment has become the CNMI's new norm, with long food stamp lines and long affordable housing waiting list the last time we checked.

The effects of underemployment are not only economic, they are also social and psy-

chological. Real work is an important part of how we define ourselves in life. Meaningful work benefits both us and others. Those who lack real jobs often end up depressed, addicted or aggressive. No wonder the haystack of cold cases at DPS, vandalism, absenteeism at school, among many manifestations of a deteriorating social fabric in our community.

Today, opportunities for such work are not what they should be. We need a different approach, focused LESS on the gridlock politics and more on basic foundational principles and values.

Principled business

First, we need to encourage principled entrepreneurship. Companies should earn profits by creating value for customers and acting with integrity, the opposite of today's rampant cronyism, fly-by-night enterprises, and fast buck.

Businesses in America, for instance, focus on getting subsidies and mandates from government rather than creating value for customers. According to George Mason University's Mercatus Center, such favors cost us more

than \$11,000 per person in lost GDP every year, a \$3.6 trillion economic hit.

Compounding the problem are destructive regulations affecting whether and how business invests and employees work. Federal rules cost America an estimated \$1.86 trillion per year, calculated the Competitive Enterprise Institute. Isn't it revealing how our developer's fees or cumbersome permitting process are costing businesses in frustration index and dollars too?

We have seen and hear all too often how punitive permitting for large projects creates years of delay, increasing uncertainty and cost. Sometimes projects are canceled and jobs with them. Meanwhile, 30 percent of U.S. employees need government licenses to work. We need a system that rewards those who create real and added value, not impede them.

Second, we should eliminate the artificial cost of hiring. For example, federal government policies, such as Obamacare, have given businesses a powerful incentive to hire two part-time people to do one full-time job. This trend was reflected in June's employment data, which in-

cluded the loss of half a million full-time jobs.

In 2007, 4.4 million Americans worked part-time jobs because they could not find full-time work and hundreds more in the CNMI. That number now stands at 7.5 million, up 275,000 in June. "The existence of such a large pool of 'partly unemployed' workers," Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said, "is a sign that labor conditions are worse than indicated by the unemployment rate." Not much is different in the present economic environment in the CNMI. The problem is we can not ascertain this, as our Department of Commerce does not normally generate this data or information.

Skills and values

Third, we need to guide many more people into developing skills and values that will enable them to reach their potential. Everyone knows education increases a person's ability to create value. But the willingness to work, an essential for success, often has to be taught, too.

In our earlier days on the island, our parents would have us spend our free time doing chores or working at not too

pleasant jobs. Most Americans understand that taking a job and sticking with it, no matter how unpleasant or low-paying, is a vital step toward the American dream. We are in for more trouble if young people don't find that all-important first job, which is critical to beginning their climb up the ladder.

Finally, we need greater incentives to work. Costly programs, such as paying able-bodied people not to work, are addictive disincentives. By undermining people's will to work, our government has created a culture of dependency and hopelessness. This is most unfair to vulnerable citizens who suffer even as we say they are receiving "benefits."

Juan S. Torres and I agree with Dr. Martin Luther King. There are no dead end jobs. Every job deserves our best. "If a man is called to be a street sweeper," King said, "he should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and

earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'"

Our government's decades-long, top-down approach to job creation has failed. Its policies have made our problems worse, leaving tens of millions chronically un- or underemployed, millions of whom have given up ever finding meaningful work.

In doing so, our government has not only thwarted real job creation, it also has reduced the supply and quality of goods and services that make people's lives better and undermined the culture required to sustain a free society.

When it comes to creating opportunities for all, we can do much better.

It's time to let people seek opportunities that best suit their talents, for businesses to forsake cronyism and for government to get out of the way.

To be continued tomorrow.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The villain in this farce

If Shakespeare is a tragedian in the sense that he could draw for us the drama of tragedy in the human frailness involving the cause committed by a villain, then Gregorio C. Sablan is a tragedian for his act and committed intention to wipe out the indigenous people from their homelands here in the Northern Mariana Islands. The irony to all these sorrowful consequences that he is being paid a hefty salary doing this, and seemingly only taking this matter as politics as usual.

However, Mr. Gregorio C. Sablan, the pseudo-representative of the indigenous people of the NMI in the U.S. Congress, has committed an irreversible consequence not by chance but by virtue of his intended position that the indigenous people of the NMI are people that could be the subject of demise in their own homeland. We have never asked for tragedy that we did not expect. Yet the mental constipation of our pseudo representative could not be explained because he avoided and refused to discuss in public the essential aspects of representation as it were. He treated the indigenous people of the NMI as nothing more than a "day's fly."

The indigenous people of the NMI labored for his honesty all these years, and what they got was a big problem that only he could have resolved, but he put his feet firm on the ground that the indigenous people could not say more than what he steadfastly wanted as the principle and his own thoughts over the issue. To be honest means to be direct, clear, straightforward, and at the same time continually aware of what one is doing or saying. The shadow of Gregorio

C. Sablan's explanation admittedly delineated by omission, that by itself is the villain in this man's psychology. Hence, continually trying to make one's intentions and feelings match one's deeds or words is the kind of reality that he failed to tell us all these years.

It is time that the indigenous people of the NMI take the appropriate actions to be the villain to Mr. Gregorio C. Sablan by setting for him the tragedy of being discharged from his job as the representative of the indigenous people of the NMI. Grandstanding on insignificant issues like food stamps and federal grants are much too shallow performance predictors to justify the death spiral he targeted at the indigenous people. With this in mind, the level playing field for our cause as the indigenous people can be summed up by saying that we all should stay from the cheerleading brouhaha of Mr. Gregorio C. Sablan. The indigenous people do not need an actor that elected to change the script of the play however way he wants to act it out.

The script of the play we are talking here is a copyright ownership of the indigenous people, and the other one selected for

the position as delegate to the U.S. Congress should play by the script—that is what representation is all about. We should welcome sending another person as our delegate to the U.S. Congress. This is the only option that we have, and we expect the new selected for this opportunity to be on script and stick to that play. It will work out and that is what would matter.

Francisco R. Agulto
Kannat Tabla, Saipan



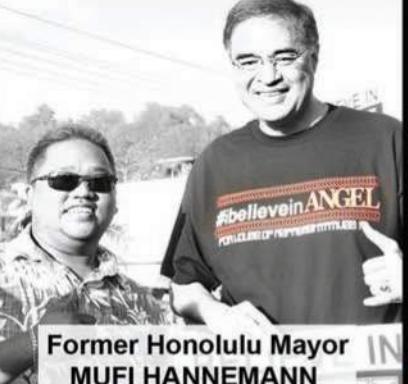
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Rota lass places 3rd in Miss Universe Guam pageant

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
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Rota-born Joycelyn Atalig placed third at the Miss Universe Guam pageant held at the Hyatt Regency Guam, in Tumon, last Tuesday. Atalig went head to head with 14 other contestants for the opportunity to represent the U.S. territory at the Miss Universe pageant in Brazil.

"I was the second one to be called and second one to answer our [question-and-answer] out of the top three finalists," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "Unfortunately I didn't win any special awards but I would love to congratulate the beautiful girls who did."

She said that after hearing her number called out as one of the finalists, she was "shocked and filled with disbelief."

"I could not wrap my head around how far I have gone. But I quickly snapped out of it and focused on the next part of the pageant."

Atalig said the beauty pageant journey was a phenomenal learning experience. Being a



PHOTO BY BERT DUARTE
Joycelyn Atalig poses for the judges in her pageant gown at the Miss Universe Guam pageant at the Hyatt Regency in Tumon.

of a true sisterhood. I love them, they are amazing."

Atalig urges younger girls to be confident and proud of where they come from.

"Reach for the stars and believe in your capabilities and everyone else will believe in you too. Doing this can take you anywhere, you could even con-

quer the universe," she added.

The 20-year-old is currently a junior Political Science student at the University of Guam and plans to pursue a career in politics after graduating.

She is the daughter of Joseph K. and Lynn Y. Atalig.

Drive-In Movie Night at NMC

The Northern Marianas College's College Access Challenge Grant program is inviting Saipan residents to attend a Drive-In Movie Night event on Monday, Nov. 10, 2014, at 6:30pm at the NMC South Field (across the NMC Gymnasium).

In addition to featuring the film *The Expendables 3*, the pre-movie activities will in-

clude a brief presentation about preparing for college (college success, student life, financial aid, and time and money management, etc.).

The fun-filled event is free and open to the public. There will also be space reserved for those who wish to bring their vehicles to the event, as well as seats reserved for those who

she learned while competing was from her fellow contestants.

"One lesson they taught me was the values and importance

choose not to. Space is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis. Refreshments and snacks will also be sold by vendors at the event.

Please note that the film *The Expendables 3* is rated PG-13, which means that minors under the age of 13 must be accompanied by parents or guardians.

This event is also sponsored by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

For more information or inquiries, contact Hedwig Hofsneider at (670) 237-6784 or visit www.marianas.edu. (NMC)

Grief support meeting on Nov. 6

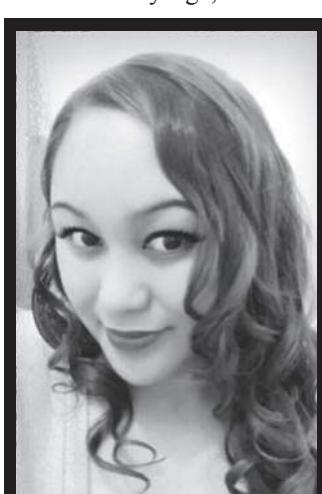
The Compassionate Friends of Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting on Thursday Nov. 6, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai.

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For more information, call Jill Derickson (989-9821, or jill@pticom.com) or Donna Krum (783-0755, or donna-krum@gmail.com). To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at www.compassionatefriends.org. (PR)



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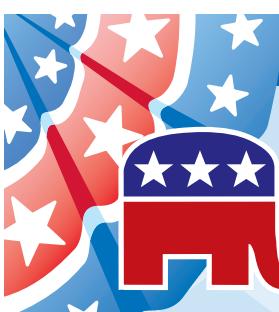
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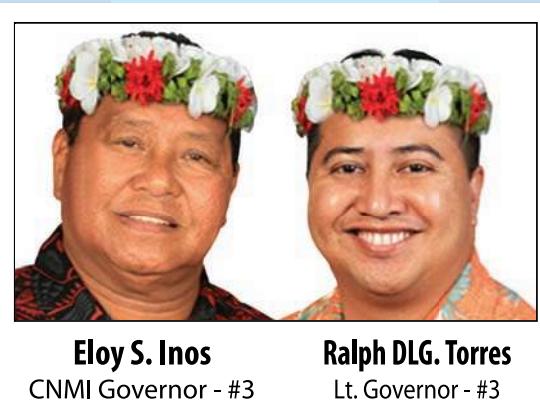
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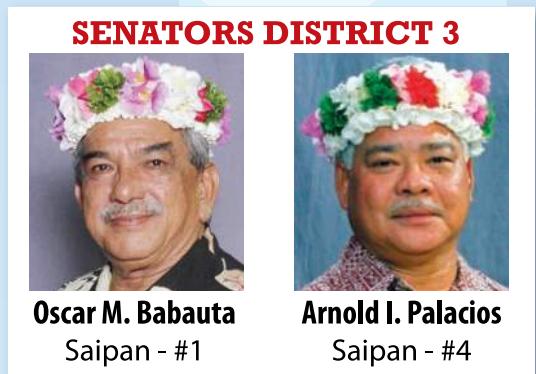
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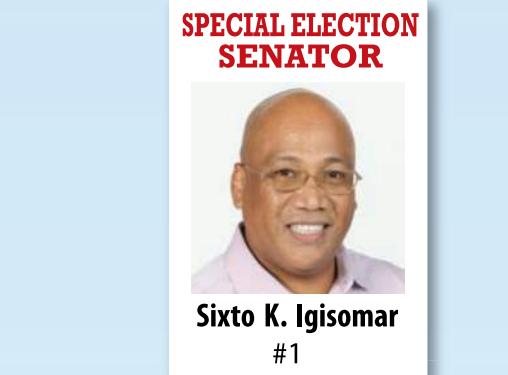
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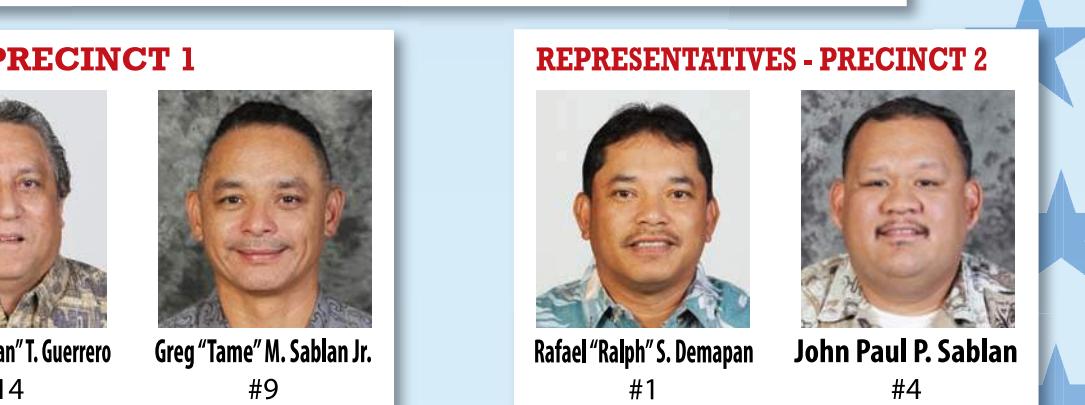
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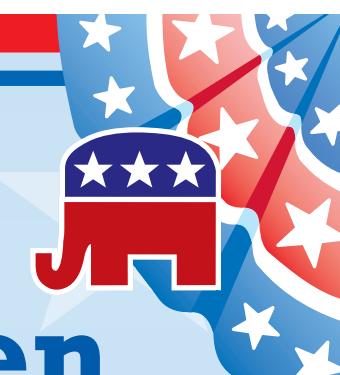
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Guam developer starts construction of Ironwood Saipan

Ironwood, the developer and manager of Guam's premier rental housing communities, has just broken ground on a new Ironwood community located on Saipan. Ironwood Saipan will be located on Middle Road in Gualo Rai, opposite Pizza Hut and Docomo Pacific.

Ironwood Saipan will feature 80 apartments and is expected to be completed by November 2015.

Ironwood brings their expertise as the most successful housing developer in Guam

to Saipan with this project, improving the quality of life for both residents and neighbors of the property. The 2-, 3-, and 4-bedroom apartments will feature energy-efficient construction, including solar power, solar hot water heat-

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ers, insulated walls and ceilings, low-emissivity windows, and Energy Star light fixtures and appliances. Ironwood estimates that this construction will result in up to 70 percent utility savings for residents. The community amenities will include filtered water, a 3,000-square-foot community center, a playground, covered pavilions with barbecue grills, and a basketball court.

Once completed, the new community will be gated, similar to the Guam Ironwood properties, and residents and their guests will be able to enter the community via access card or the resident dial-up entrance system. In addition to limiting vehicular access to the property, security cameras at the entrance allow for monitoring of anybody passing.

"We are excited about the opportunity to introduce the people of Saipan to the type of quality communities we have established on Guam," said Rick Inman, managing principal of Iron Bridge Capital, the parent company of Ironwood which has devel-

oped 434 units in Guam. Ironwood has taken over the development of the Blue Water project from Triple J Enterprises. Setiadi Architects has designed the new community and Maeda Pacific will be the primary contractor. Ironwood will finance the project using Low Income Housing Tax

Credits granted by the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. This will be the first project on Saipan supported by Low Income Housing Tax Credits with an outside investor. The equity financing is being provided by R4 Capital with a construction loan from Citi. (Ironwood)

Ryan Manglona gets 30-day prison term for role in fruit bat smuggling

The federal court on Friday slapped a 30-day prison term against Ryan James Inos Manglona, a former employee of the Rota Mayor's Office who assisted then-Rota senator Juan M. Ayuyu in trying to smuggle endangered fruit bats from Rota to Saipan.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona gave Ryan Manglona credit for one day of time served.

Upon completing the prison term, Ryan Manglona will be placed on one year of supervised release and required, among other things to perform 50 hours of community service, and pay a \$150 in special assessment fees.

Judge Manglona ordered the defendant to turn himself in to the U.S. Marshal on Nov. 14 at 9am to begin serving his sentence.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe recommended a 30-day imprisonment. Court-appointed defense counsel Robert T. Torres recommended the same.

Torres described Ryan Manglona's participation in the case as only an errand boy or assistant.

Ryan Manglona pleaded

guilty to perjury before a grand jury and conspiracy to violate the Endangered Species and Lacy Acts as part of a plea deal. The remaining five counts in two cases were dropped.

Former senator Ayuyu also pleaded guilty to conspiracy to violate the Endangered Species Act and conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding. He was sentenced to 41 months in prison in March.

Ryan Manglona was a community worker at the Rota Mayor's Office and assigned to the Rota Delegation when eight Mariana fruit bats or *fanihi* were smuggled from Rota to Saipan on Oct. 17, 2010.

Ayuyu admitted that he called Ryan Manglona and instructed him to go to his house to take his baggage to the airport in advance of his flight to Saipan that evening.

Ayuyu said Ryan Manglona assisted him in covering the bats with a bunch of lemons. After U.S. Transportation Security Administration staff discovered the bats, Ayuyu asked Ryan Manglona to lie to the grand jury about their involvement. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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Charities outfit student athletes in Yap

KOLONIA, Yap—A group of young men from the Neighboring Islands who live on Yap Proper are training to compete in that Micronesian State's Island League Basketball competition.

Their team, called "Weyei," emerged from the boys' participation in "Waa'gey," an after-school mentoring program. That group uses traditional cultural skills to teach high students discipline, teamwork and identity.

The boys are to be coached by Waa'gey director Larry Raigetal of Lamotrek, and former Peace Corps volunteer Garrett Johnson. The athletes began with a multi-week fundraising effort to earn funds for team jerseys.

U.S.-based Habele, a charity established by former Peace

Corps volunteers, heard about the team and offered to help.

"The boys worked hard to raise money and buy jerseys. Habele has designed, ordered and purchased jerseys, asking the young men to use the money they obtained to support other local civic efforts on Yap," announced Habele volunteer and former Peace Corps volunteer Scott Leis.

Habele has a proud history of provisioning eager Micronesian student athletes with quality clothing and equipment to compliment their skill and sportsmanship. The nonprofit also provides need- and merit-based tuition scholarships, support for extracurricular science programs, as well as donations to schools and libraries.

"The American people, and in particular those of us who've been lucky enough to spend time [on] the islands, are proud

of our decades long partnership with the people of Micronesia," explained Leis. "We are particularly grateful to Jeffrey C. Gen-

zer and Colleen Stewart Genzer who served as Peace Corps Volunteers on Yap in the early 1980s, for sponsoring this im-

portant project." Mr. Genzer is a partner at the Washington-based Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke law firm. (Habele)



▲ COSTUME CONTEST

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Staff members of Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. are in high spirits as they pose with their costumes during Halloween. The company conducted a costume contest that entitled the winner to a prize. The winner of the contest was the company's underwriter Janel Pangelinan, far right.

THE GIRL AND THE GORILLA

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Shalei Terrie K. Camacho as "Supergirl" poses with the very first "Gorilla Nun" in the CNMI during Halloween trick or treating at the Saipan Mayor's Office.



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Kindergarten students of Green Meadow School are dressed in their Halloween best with teacher Analyn Danan.

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vs.
BERNARD P. KILELEMAN,
Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION
NO. 12-0208

NOTICE OF
AUCTION and
JUDICIAL
SALE

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ABRAHAM E. TAISACAN and
LYDIA O. TAISACAN,
Defendants.

Civil Action
No. 13-0093

NOTICE OF AUCTION
and
JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to the Order Granting Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on September 4, 2014, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 25th day of November, 2014 at 10:00am, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said order, to wit:

Lot No. 011 G 1290, located in Kagman III, Phase IV, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 784 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 24 dated December 9, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 96-2567, dated October 10, 1996.

Terms and Condition of Sale

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
c) to reject any and all bids.

2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rtlaw@pticom.com.

3. Deposit and Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 13th day of October 2014.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Lot No. 001 R 22, (formerly known as Lot 10, Block 19), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 R 00, the original of which was registered on November 12, 1971 as Document No. 1288 at Land Registration, Saipan.

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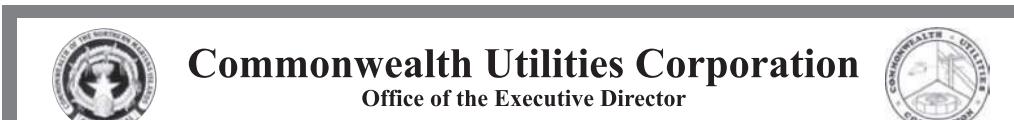
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DATED this 12th day of September, 2014.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-15-001

Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1, Songsong Village Rota, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced construction firms for Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1 in Songsong Village, Rota.

Contractor shall provide and pay for all the labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature and all other services and facilities necessary to execute, complete and deliver the work within the specified time frame.

A pre-proposal site visit is scheduled for 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 30, 2014 at the Rota power plant. All potential proposers are encouraged to attend, to familiarize themselves with the site conditions. However the site visit is not mandatory for the potential proposers, owing to the difficult logistics and uncertain air transport.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by November 7, 2014, 10:00 AM (ChST) to be considered.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP -15-001, Steel Roof Enclosure for CUC Rota Power Plant Used Oil Secondary Containment No. 1" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than November 18, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**.

The Proposer is required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – <https://marianslabor.net/>.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 24, 2104 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Stipulated Order 2 Project Coordinator via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director,
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer,
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE IFB 15-GOV-004

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofsneider, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of 0.5 Million Gallon Reservoir in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his CNMI Business License in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Conduct Construction Survey and Staking
- Construct Permanent and Temporary Erosion Control measures.
- Perform Earthwork and Site Utilities.
- Construction of 0.5 Million-Gallon Reservoir with Aluminum Dome Roof.
- Install Cathodic Protection.
- Install Control and Telemetry System.
- Modification of Existing Water Supply Pipes and other incidentals to complete the work per plans and specifications.
- Construction of Chain-Link Fence, six (6) feet and four (4) feet high.
- Installation of Chain-Link Personnel Access Gate and Chain-Link Vehicle Access Gate.
- Reconstruction of Asphalt Pavement.

A non-refundable payment of \$500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after October 27, 2014 at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at 10:00 a.m., on November 7, 2014, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to **Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager**, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:30 PM on November 6, 2014.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3-301. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked **"IFB15-GOV-004"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 pm local time November 26, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 pm local time November 26, 2014, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 26, 2014, and must be received no later than December 9, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, December 9, 2014. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on November 26, 2014.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/S/ Jude U. Hofsneider
Acting Governor and Contracting Officer

/S/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement and Supply



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-15-005

W-4, W-5 AND W-6 SEWER LIFT STATION ELIMINATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of construction of a new lift station to replace the existing W-5 lift station; installation of new gravity sewer mains, including bar screen and odor control, from existing lift stations W-4 and W-6 to new lift station W-5 such that these existing lift stations and force mains can be replaced by gravity sewers; installation of force main from the new W-5 lift station to the nearby gravity sewer main, thereby eliminating existing sewer lift stations; installation of Owner-Furnished Contractor-Installed (OFCI) products; construction of a new generator building and appurtenances; demolition of two existing generator buildings and appurtenances; demolition and restoration existing minor structures and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 350 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **November 13, 2014 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-15-005, W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on December 2, 2014**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may be contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) approval. If CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 14, 2014** to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, Procurement & Supply, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, Junior Engineer, Water/Wastewater Division via email nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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MANNY B. SABLAN
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 15-GOV-010

Archeological Services For Water Task Force Lower Base Industrial Park Waterline Improvement Project

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofsneider through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified individuals or firms for Professional Services for Archeological Services for the Water Task Force for its Lower Base Industrial Park Waterline Improvement Project. This contract for professional services will be funded by grant funds from the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce with matching funds provided by Public Law 17-90.

The proposal package will be available on or after **October 27, 2014** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan or by request faxed to (670) 664-1515.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than **4:30 PM, November 7, 2014** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number: (670) 664-2279.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Title 70, Subchapter 70.30.3). Preference is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"Archeological Services", RFP 15-GOV-010.** One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00 pm, November 25, 2014 (CNMI local time)**.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/S/ Jude U. Hofsneider
Acting Governor

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

All roads led to cemeteries in annual tradition

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Saipan residents braved the rain the last couple of weeks to clean the graves of their loved ones in anticipation of the All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day Mass and rosary. Hundreds of Saipan residents filled the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery to pay their respects to the faithfully departed and honor saints last weekend as a part of the annual church tradition.

Fr. Ryan Jimenez, Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, said that more island parishioners attended the All Saints' Day Eucharistic celebration on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014.

"I think that goes to show the link between All Saints' and All Souls' Day," he told *Saipan Tri-*

bune. "All of us are called to be saints. I think it is appropriate to celebrate how our loved ones try to emulate the good Lord's example in their lifetime."

"The saints are sinners like us but their story did not end there, they changed their lifestyle and pursued a life after God," Jimenez added.

Deacon James Balajadia led the community in the reading of the Gospel and sermon.

"The saints never gave up on their faithfulness and commitment to the Lord," he told parishioners in his remarks. "While on earth they all sought to fulfill God's beautiful vision for their lives."

"The vision we must all seek like the saints," he said, "is to be meek and humble of heart, to be peacemakers, to hunger and

thirst for righteousness and justice, to show mercy and be clean of heart."

"This is real holiness. It is never giving up in our commitment to God and this interior project that He has for each one of us in our hearts," he added.

Volunteer and member of the church's cemetery committee Doris Nuique expressed her gratitude to the JROTC cadets of Kagman High School and Saipan Southern High School, as well as the staff of the Saipan Mayor's Office for assisting in the cleanup efforts.

"For me it is a good celebration. They all came in and helped and it is a great service to the Catholic community," she said. "What better way to show your love than with the Eucharistic celebration?"



THOMAS MANGLONA II

Deacon James Balajadia and Fr. Isaac Ayuyu lead the procession during the church service last weekend.



THOMAS MANGLONA II

A little boy holds on to his father's hand during the All Saints' Day Eucharistic celebration last Saturday at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.



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Family members stand at the graves of their loved ones during the All Saints' Day service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.



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Family members, friends, and parishioners sit at the graves of their loved ones during the All Saints' Day Mass at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery last Saturday.



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Church altar servers pose for a photo before assisting in the All Saints' Day Mass in Chalan Kanoa.

Freshmen candidates gain insights from campaign trail

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Non-partisan Saipan Municipal candidate Lareina Castro Camacho and Precinct 1 House of Representatives independent candidate Edwin Kenneth Propst agree that the most rewarding part of their campaign trail was hearing the voices of the people of the CNMI.

Energy awareness outreach on Rota

The Department of Public Works through the Energy Division Office will be hosting the 2014 Rota Energy Awareness Campaign on Dec. 6, 2014, with two sessions (9am to 11am and 2pm to 4pm) at the Rota Mayor's Office.

This event will provide the residential community tips on how to conserve energy at homes and how to save money using efficient products that carry the Energy Star label and educate the community on the importance of energy conservation in the Commonwealth.

The Energy Division through its Energy, Education, Efficiency and Conservation Program efforts will be distributing reusable shopping bags with Home Energy Savings Kits and raffle either a 16" pedestal fan or portable stove for each attendee.

Due to limited seating, interested individuals must pre-register with the CNMI Energy Division office to confirm attendance. Pre-registration will start on Wednesday Nov. 5, 2014, and end on Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014. For more information and to register, call the Energy Division at 664-4480/4, Monday to Friday from 7:30am to 4:30pm. In addition, registered attendees will be required to present a valid photo ID and a copy of their most recent utility bill in their name to be allowed to participate in the scheduled sessions. Those who fail to provide a photo ID and recent CUC

Both of these candidates' fates will be determined tomorrow as voters head to the polls on Election Day to cast their ballots.

With just a day left of voting, Propst and Camacho share their rewarding journey and unforgettable experiences on the campaign trail.

"It is rewarding to gain the perspective from various

sectors of our community," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune*. "Meeting with and learning from those I've had dialogue with during the campaign season reinforces my commitment to be part of the elected few to make a difference."

Camacho said the sentiment of the people is encouraging. As a first-time candidate, Camacho thinks the people are uplifted to see fresh faces taking part in the mission of creating a safer, healthier, and ultimately better place to live in.

"The people, regardless of what elected office, expect elected officials to be truthful, dedicated and to work diligently. There must be no more empty promises," she added.

Camacho has no further plans for her campaign as the final ballots will be counted tomorrow and she now "leaves it in the hands of the people."

"I hope that we have each wish other candidates well and that regardless of the results, we stay committed and we continue to work together for our islands' health, wealth and sustainability."

Although it is also his first time to run for political office, Propst is a well-known advocate for government transparency, anti-corruption, and political accountability.

He told *Saipan Tribune* that there are a plethora of memorable moments from his campaign.

"I think the highlight of this campaign has been in meeting with people and listening to their ideas and concerns. We have such a wonderful community here!"

He noted that, based on his conversations with residents, people are hoping for a responsive government that caters to their needs and operates with fairness and transparency.

"It seems our people are less concerned about being related to a candidate and more interested in what ideas the candidate has to offer," he added.

As for his strategy as the campaign season comes to a close, Propst said his plans remain the same.

"We will continue to run a

positive campaign and will continue to be accessible. We will respect the political process and will be kind and courteous to everyone, regardless of our differences of opinion. We are all in this together, regardless of what party you belong to."

Propst said that one disturbing account he experienced during the campaign was stealing and vandalizing of road signs.

"If you don't like a candidate, simply do not vote for him or her. Respect the political process, *pot fabot* (please)."

Propst hopes for an honest and clean election this year.

"On election day, I hope candidates and supporters can be kind, courteous, and respectful," he said.



BEST OF THE BEST

Nominees for this year's CNMI State Teacher of the Year wait for one of their names to be called at the Public School System's banquet at World Resort last Wednesday.

DENNIS B. CHAN

Grandfather's to-do list creates special family day

GRANDPA ROBERT IN LEXINGTON, KY.

DEAR GRANDPA ROBERT: Your grandchild is lucky not only to have such a loving and dedicated grandpa, but also one with your stamina. I sometimes hear from grandparents—and other adults—who ask me for suggestions about how to better connect with their young children. Your letter is a road map that will take them in the right direction.

DEAR ABBY: During one of their "stay up all night drinking beer and talking" sessions six months ago, my husband, "Ralph," and his best friend of more than 20 years, "Jim," had a huge fight. They haven't spoken since.

Ralph has tried at least three times to contact Jim by phone and email with no response. If Ralph's version of the story is true, they both behaved badly. Ralph has sincerely tried to apologize, but Jim refuses to speak to him.

It breaks my heart to see how much this has upset my husband. I am still Facebook friends with Jim, and every time I see him online I'm tempted to say something to him, but so far I have resisted. Would it be crossing the line for me to reach out and see if he'll talk to me about this? Or should I stay out of it?

HOPEFUL PEACEMAKER IN ARIZONA

DEAR HOPEFUL PEACEMAKER: I know you mean

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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well, but it would be a mistake to put yourself in the middle. Whatever happened between your husband and his friend must have been a doozy.

You state that this happened during one of their all-night drinking and talking sessions. To me this indicates that one or both of them may have alcohol issues that need to be addressed. This is what should be mentioned, but only to your spouse. If the loss of his long-standing friendship has been painful enough, he may be willing to listen.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 62-year-old grandfather of a 5-year-old granddaughter. The other day I had her for the entire day. I decided to make a list of the things we were to accomplish throughout the course of the day. It turned out to be a great success. After completing each task, she would ask, "What's next on the list?"

The first item, No. 1, was to do our "strong" (that's what we call exercise). No. 2 was to write her alphabet and numbers. No. 3 was to "go on an adventure" (that's what we call walking the dog and exploring the nearby field).

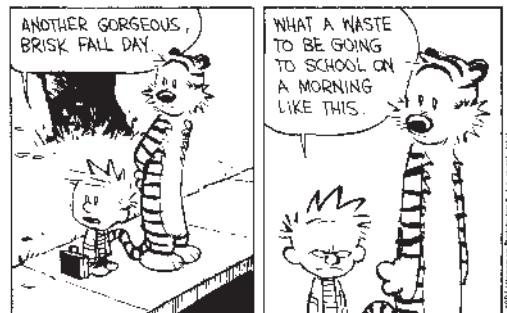
Nos. 4, 5 and 6—go to the bank, get the car washed, then go to the park to swing, slide, etc. After the park, she asked if we could go to our favorite restaurant across the street. I replied, "How did you know that was next on the list?" Her expression was priceless.

After lunch we went home and did No. 8—another adventure, which was take the dogs for a walk again. No. 9 was painting time (what 5-year-old doesn't like to paint?). After cleaning up it was time for No. 10, wash the dishes and Swiffer the floor. No. 11 she could choose something to do. We spent the next two hours playing with her dolls.

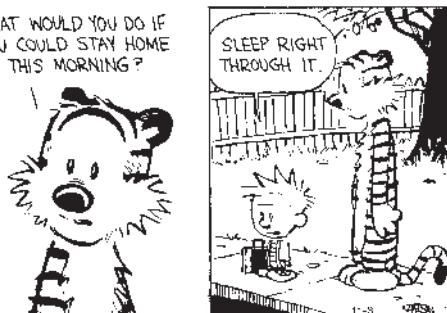
At about 5:30 my daughter came to pick her up from an exhausted grandpa. Lists will be part of our routine from now on. I slept like a log that night and hope to have many nights and days just like it in the future.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes



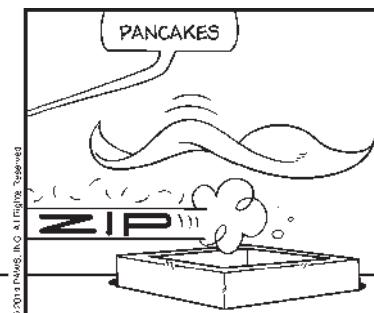
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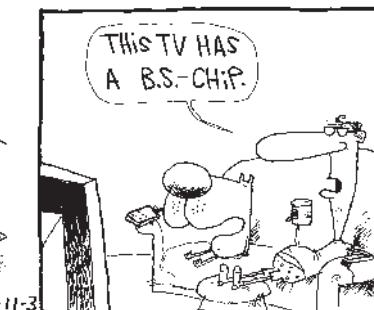
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4 Video-cassette successor	46	Glisten	4	Coloring agent	28	Door frame piece
7 Touch	50	Laptop connection	5	Quite	29	Margarine
11 Sit for a photo	53	Youngster	6	Geeky sort	30	Scuttles
13 Evergreen type	55	Norse saga	7	Death of a Salesman writer	31	Affirmative action?
14 Abundant	56	Elliptical	8	Life story, for short	35	The Cratchit lad
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Friday's answer

11-3

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Gemma Ward, 27; Colin Kaepernick, 27; Dolph Lundgren, 57; Roseanne, 62.

Happy Birthday: The sky is the limit this year. Your creativity is at an all-time high, but your need to take on too much will slow you down. Be innovative and choose the most unique project, concept or activity that interests you and give it your all. Focus will lead to success. Romance will revive your personal life. Your numbers are 5, 13, 22, 24, 31, 36, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Contractual, legal or financial problems will occur. Don't let outsiders get involved in handling your affairs. Focus on cutting corners by using unique methods that suit your daily routine. Negotiate job offers professionally and sign on the dotted line. **★★★**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stay on top of your responsibilities. You will learn a lot if you watch the way others handle situations. Avoid a dispute by being an observer. You don't have to buy love. A romantic gesture will improve your personal life. **★★★**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Work at getting along with your peers and colleagues. It's important to be flexible and to offer assistance if you want to advance. Don't let uncertainty regarding how you earn your living lead to a costly mistake. **★★★★**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put more time and effort into creative projects. Be open to suggestions offered from an unusual source. Love is on the rise, and mixing business with pleasure will have its advantages. Listen

carefully. Observation is your best friend. **★★**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't give in to bullying, indulgence or overspending. Think about your future and consider the changes you need to make to secure your position personally and professionally. Physical activity will help ease your stress. Communication will help you get started. **★★★★**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take action, be a participant and make changes to legal, financial or medical matters that may arise. Hard work will be necessary in order to complete projects to your specifications. Love is highlighted, and socializing will lead to an interesting encounter. **★★★**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do whatever it takes to protect your home and to avoid changes within important relationships. Compromise may not be a long-term solution, but it can buy you enough time to set up what needs to be done. **★★★**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do things your way and enjoy being different and using unorthodox methods to accomplish your goals. As long as you maintain a strict budget and allow others the same freedom, you will gain respect and the feeling of personal satisfaction. **★★★★**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let emotional issues get you down. Make whatever adjustments you can to ensure that your home and those you love are protected from any situation that appears uncertain or could lead to loss. Good fortune comes from expert maneuvers. **★★**

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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY



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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let the changes others make unnerve you. Stick to what's worked for you in the past, but give whatever you do a unique twist to ensure that you attract interest and consideration for upcoming positions. Love is in the stars. **★★★★**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't get down; get moving. Letting what others say or do bother you is a waste of time. Concentrate on what you can accomplish and present and promote what you have to offer. Success is the name of the game. Invest in you. **★★★**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can raise your financial intake through a smart investment. Look at the current trends and manipulate your skills, services and talents to meet public needs. A personal partnership can help cut your overhead if you share costs. **★★★**

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, intuitive and helpful. You are creative, intense and mysterious.

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle—horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters JEANS ARE COMFORTABLE

Solution: 7 letters

D	L	P	D	A	I	S	Y	J	E	G	G	I	N
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Last Friday's Answer: Sweaters

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

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The Agenda is as follows:

- I. Consider final decision and action on:
 - A. Administrative Personnel Action
No. 14-0001- CA
 - B. Administrative Personnel Action
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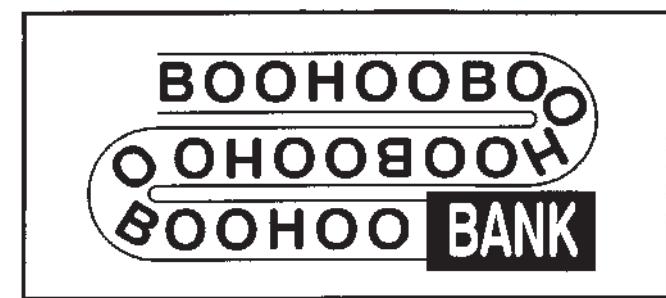
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Warriors hand Lakers fourth straight loss



OAKLAND, California (AP) — Klay Thompson scored a career-high 41 points in his first game since signing a contract extension, teaming with backcourt star Stephen Curry to lead the Golden State Warriors past the winless Los Angeles Lakers 127-104 on Saturday night.

Thompson, who inked a four-year maximum extension worth about \$70 million Friday, shot 14 for 18 from the floor. Curry added 31 points and 10 assists, and the Warriors withstood Kobe Bryant's big plays to thrill a blue-shirt wearing sellout crowd of 19,596 in the team's home opener.

Bryant scored 19 of his 28 points in the third quarter and nearly brought the depleted Lakers back. Instead, Los Angeles collapsed in the final quarter to lose its fourth game in five nights.

The Lakers are 0-4 for the first time since the 1957-58 season when the franchise was located in Minneapolis.

The Lakers at least showed progress in what has been a trying start.

They ruled Steve Nash out for the season because of a nagging back injury and first-round pick Julius Randle broke his right leg earlier this week, ending his rookie campaign. The Lakers are also playing without Nick Young (right thumb) and Ryan Kelly (sore right hamstring).

Warriors power forward David Lee sat out with a strained



AP
Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry drives the ball around Los Angeles Lakers' Jeremy Lin (17) and Kobe Bryant, right, during the second half of an NBA basketball game Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014, in Oakland, Calif. The Warriors won 127-104.

Heat 114, 76ers 96

In Philadelphia, Chris Bosh had 30 points and eight rebounds for the Heat, which won its second straight. Mario Chalmers scored 18 points, and Dwyane Wade had nine points and 10 assists.

Tony Wroten had 21 points and 10 assists for the Sixers, and Brandon Davies scored 18 points for the winless Sixers.

Expected to challenge the 82-game mark for worst record in NBA history, the Sixers are 0-3 and could add to that winless streak with three more home games in the next week.

Wizards 108, Bucks 97

In Washington, Paul Pierce was ejected before halftime in his first home game with the Wizards, and Otto Porter picked up the slack with a career-high 21 points.

Starting the third quarter in

place of Pierce, second-year forward Porter — essentially a nonfactor as a No. 3 overall draft pick as a rookie — scored 19 points in the second half and with 49 seconds left.

Monta Ellis also scored 17 for Dallas. Parsons' performance was highlighted by a momentum-swinging 3-pointer from well behind the arc that gave Dallas a 101-96 lead in the middle of the fourth quarter.

Davis had 31 points, 15 rebounds and three blocks for New Orleans.

Hawks 102, Pacers 92

In Atlanta, Jeff Teague scored 25 points and Al Horford in the Hawks' home opener against the Pacers.

Indiana closed to 95-92 when Donald Sloan was fouled in the corner by Horford and knocked down all three free throws with 1:13 left. But Teague answered with a jumper, Sloan missed and Teague made a pair of free throws with 26.6 seconds left to clinch the victory.

Teague scored 11 of Atlanta's first 22 points and came up big at the end.

Raptors 108, Magic 95

In Orlando, DeMar DeRozan scored 26 points and Kyle Lowry added 21 as the Raptors beat the Magic for the eighth straight time.

The Raptors held the Magic to 35.8 percent shooting in the final quarter and put all five starters in double figures to win their second in a row.

Evan Fournier scored 18 points for the Magic, who have lost three straight. Rookie point guard Elfrid Payton had 16 points and nine assists.

Nets 102, Pistons 90

In Auburn Hills, Joe Johnson

scored 15 of his 34 points in the

fourth quarter as Brooklyn got

its first win.

The Pistons (0-3) got 18

points and 11 rebounds from

Greg Monroe, who was mak-

ing his season debut after a two-

game suspension for a drunk-

driving arrest, but he was 1 for

17 on 3-pointers.

Kevin Garnett added 18

points and 14 rebounds for the

Nets (1-1), while Deron Wil-

liams scored 15 points.

Rockets 104, Celtics 90

In Houston, James Harden had

26 points and eight rebounds,

and Houston took a 37-22 lead after one quarter in starting 3-0 for the second straight season.

Harden was 5 of 14 from the field, but he was 14 of 14 from the free throw line. He also had six assists.

Terrence Jones added 25 points and 10 rebounds, and Dwight Howard had 14 points and eight rebounds for the Rockets.

Thunder 102, Nuggets 91

In Oklahoma City, Perry Jones and Serge Ibaka each scored 23 points to help short-handed Oklahoma City wins its first game this season.

Already without MVP Kevin Durant for at least a month because of a broken right foot, the Thunder said star point guard Russell Westbrook had surgery on his broken right hand Saturday and also will miss at least a month.

The Thunder led 29-17 at the end of the first quarter, earning a standing ovation.

Kendrick Perkins scored 17 points and Steven Adams added 13 for the Thunder. Ty Lawson scored 20 of his 25 points in the second half for the Nuggets.

Bulls 106, Timberwolves 105

In Minneapolis, Jimmy Butler made a surprise return to the starting lineup and made two free throws with 0.2 seconds left to help Chicago weather another absence from star guard Derrick Rose.

Butler scored 24 points on 6-for-12 shooting in his season debut, and Pau Gasol added 29 points and six rebounds for the Bulls, who missed Rose because of a sprained left ankle.

Kevin Martin scored 33 points and made a 3-pointer for a 105-104 lead with 2.9 seconds to play. But Butler got rookie Andrew Wiggins in the air on the other end and forced contact to get to the line. He calmly made the free throws.

Jazz 118, Suns 91

In Salt Lake City, Derrick Favors scored a career-high 32 points and added nine rebounds, and Gordon Hayward had 24 points and 10 boards as Utah earned its first victory of the season.

Trevor Booker added 14 points and nine rebounds off the bench as Utah dominated around the basket, outscoring Phoenix 66-42 in the paint and enjoying a 52-34 edge in rebounds.

It paid off for the Jazz in transition. Utah outscored Phoenix 35-21 in fast-break points and had a 19-11 edge in second-chance points.

Gerald Green had 16 points off the bench for the Suns (2-1), who shot just 14 of 43 (32.6 percent) from the field in the second half. Markieff Morris added 13 points and Marcus Morris chipped in 12.

SIDEBAR

Westbrook out at least a month with broken hand

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — For the first time, Thunder coach Scott Brooks faces an extended period of time without his two biggest stars.

With MVP Kevin Durant already out, the Thunder announced Saturday that point guard Russell Westbrook will miss at least a month with a broken right hand.

Westbrook, a three-time All-Star, was injured during the second quarter of Thursday night's 93-90 loss to the Los Angeles Clippers. The team said Westbrook had successful surgery Saturday morning on the second metacarpal in the hand, and he will be re-evaluated in four weeks.

Westbrook was expected to carry more of the load while Durant sits out for at least a month with a broken right foot. Now, continuity — one of Oklahoma City's greatest strengths — is now gone. When Oklahoma City (0-2) plays its home opener Saturday against Denver, it will be the first time since Westbrook entered the league in 2008-09 that the

home fans won't see either Durant or Westbrook in the lineup. The duo missed a game at Boston last season, the only time Brooks has been without both since he became the head coach during Westbrook's rookie season.

There's much more missing than Durant and Westbrook. Reggie Jackson (ankle), Jeremy Lamb (lower back sprain), Mitch McGary (broken left foot) and Anthony Morrow (left MCL sprain) also missed Thursday's game with injuries.

The Thunder have reached the Western Conference Finals three of the past four years and the NBA Finals once, but it will be hard to get back to that level if they fall too far back in the standings before their key players heal.

Westbrook appeared to be on the edge of superstardom. He averaged 26.7 points, 7.3 rebounds and 8.1 assists in 19 playoff games last season. On Media Day, Brooks declared Westbrook the best point guard in the NBA. Durant's injury offered a chance for

Westbrook to establish himself as an MVP candidate and to show he could lead the way Durant did while Westbrook was out for two months following knee surgery last season. Westbrook got off to a good start, scoring 38 points in the season-opening loss at Portland before leaving his team's second game.

Serge Ibaka is the only Thunder player with star talent remaining. The athletic 6-foot-10 power forward averaged a career-high 15.1 points last season and also stepped up last season while Westbrook was out. He has been on the All-Defensive first team the past three years.

Brooks has been forced to adjust. Free agent pickup Sebastian Telfair, the team's No. 3 point guard, played 38 minutes against the Clippers. Perry Jones, who has struggled to get playing time behind Durant, scored a career-high 32 points against the Clippers. Lance Thomas, a training camp addition, played 19 minutes against Los Angeles.

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Cubs fire manager Renteria, chase Maddon

CHICAGO (AP)—The Chicago Cubs sacked manager Rick Renteria on Friday and confirmed their pursuit of Joe Maddon.

"Last Thursday, we learned that Joe Maddon—who may be as well suited as anyone in the industry to manage the challenges that lie ahead of us—had become a free agent," Cubs president Theo Epstein said in a statement.

"We confirmed the news with Major League Baseball, and it became public knowledge the next day. We saw it as a unique opportunity and faced a clear dilemma: be loyal to Rick or be loyal to the organization. In this business of trying to win a world championship for the first time in 107 years, the organization has priority over any one individual. We decided to pursue Joe."

Epstein said Cubs executive Jed Hoyer had flown to San

The Chicago Cubs are expected to name Joe Maddon as their new manager on Monday after firing Rick Renteria last Friday.



Diego last week to tell Renteria the club planned to speak to Maddon.

With the firing of Renteria, the Cubs are planning a press conference for Monday to

announce Maddon as their next manager.

Heyman first broke the news that Maddon would be the Cubs next manager Wednesday.

The Cubs spent the past few

seasons rebuilding and believe their young talent is at the right place to start going hard in free agency this offseason, and the hiring of Maddon is yet another message in a long

line that the club is in the final stages of the rebuild.

Maddon, 60, is generally considered a top-five manager in baseball. He took over the then-Devil Rays in 2006 when they were an embarrassment. From 2008-13, though, they never had a losing record, making the playoffs four out of six seasons and taking the AL pennant in 2008. All this on a meager payroll with the Rays often having to trade veterans for prospects or simply lose key players to free agency, they won 90-plus games five out of six seasons from 2008-13.

This past season, the Rays got off to a dreadful start and finished 77-85. Club president Andrew Friedman was hired away by the Dodgers, which triggered an opt-out clause in Maddon's contract, and he recently exercised it.

Per the Cubs' statement in firing Renteria Friday, this is what caused them to look into a change.

And it appears that will all come to fruition Monday.

Molitor to Twins

Meanwhile, the Minnesota Twins' month-long managerial search is reportedly near an official end. According to ESPN 1500's Patrick Reusse, Hall of Famer Paul Molitor is expected to take over for Ron Gardenhire, who was fired on Sept. 29 after 13 seasons.

An official announcement is expected next week. Once it is official, Molitor will be the Twins 13th manager all-time, but only its third since 1986. Prior to Gardenhire, Tom Kelly held the position for 15 years. He led Minnesota to World Series championships in 1987 and 1991.

It's not exactly surprising news. Molitor, who served as a coach on Gardenhire's staff in 2013, had been tabbed a favorite early in the proceedings. In fact, he was also considered a leading candidate to manage the team after Kelly retired in 2001. He was Kelly's bench coach for three seasons, but he ended up declining the offer.

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This isn't the most enviable position for a first-time major league manager like Molitor to

step into for a couple reasons. First and foremost, he has to follow two managers who accumulated over 1,000 wins each during their Twins' tenure — Kelly (1,140) and Gardenhire (1,068)—eight combined postseason appearances. The stage isn't set for immediate success, either, with Minnesota coming off four straight seasons of 70 wins or less. They have shown incremental improvement over those seasons (63, 66, 66, 70), but they're still in the midst of rebuilding the major league roster.

They also have to share a division with the Detroit Tigers, Kansas City Royals and Cleveland Indians, all of whom figure to be competitive in the near future.

Working in Molitor's favor is the loyalty and patience Minnesota's ownership has shown with Kelly and Gardenhire in the past. It's also clear they've always viewed Molitor as a similar long-term solution. Now it's his chance to prove them correct.

In other news, Pablo Sandoval walked up the stairs as he brought up the rear of yet another Giants victory parade and immediately got stopped by home run king Barry Bonds.

"Don't walk by me," Bonds ordered, pulling his fellow slugger into an embrace.

Sandoval insists he wants to play the rest of his career for the San Francisco Giants, and for moments just like this. He's not naming his price, not now.

"I want to wear that jersey for the rest of my career," Sandoval said. "I'm going to go from what my heart tells me."

As the Giants parted ways for another World Series-shortened offseason, the biggest question is whether Sandoval will be back in the orange and black to make another run at a title.

San Francisco's slugging, switch-hitting third baseman preferred to savor his third World Series championship for a little while rather than contemplating where he will be suiting up come 2015.

Re-signing the Kung Fu Panda is a top priority for the franchise going forward, too—CEO Larry Baer said "Pablo's a huge part of the family," but it could take months to strike a deal.

"We're going to do anything possible to keep it together the best we can," Baer said. "Literally, when that last shot of confetti goes out, we're going to be hunkered down after today. I think the fans believe we have a good track record along those lines. We've stayed pretty consistent in the approach."

The 28-year-old Sandoval batted .279 with 16 homers and 73 RBIs in 157 regular-season games for the Giants and .366 in the postseason with seven doubles and five RBIs, four of those during a seven-game World Series win against Kansas City.

23.5 million saw Game 7 of World Series

2014 WORLD SERIES N E W Y O R K (AP)—An estimated 23.5 million people watched the San Francisco Giants' 3-2 win over the Kansas City Royals in Game 7, enabling the matchup to escape the distinction of least-watched World Series.

The Nielsen company said Thursday that more people watched the previous night's contest than any other World Series game since the 2011

Game 7 between St. Louis and Texas (25.4 million).

It was 10 million more people than tuned in to any of the previous six games between the Giants and the Royals. Nielsen said the peak average audience came during the last inning, when 27.8 million people saw MVP Madison Bumgarner record the last out.

The series overall averaged 13.8 million viewers, second only to the Giants' four-game sweep of the Detroit Tigers in 2012 as the series with the

smallest audience.

The sixth game had only 13.4 million viewers, no doubt dragged down by an early blowout. But Game 7 was filled with drama, as the Giants clung to their one-run lead behind the masterful performance of their ace in a relief role.

In Kansas City, an estimated 77 percent of the television sets in use Wednesday night had the game on, broadcast by Fox. It was the most popular sports event on

TV since the Sochi Olympics in February.

Still, it was a record low audience for a World Series Game 7, baseball's ultimate game. Both Game 7's in 2001 and 2002 had more than 30 million viewers. When the Minnesota Twins beat the Atlanta Braves in 1991, the audience was 50.3 million people.

Last year, 14.9 million people watched the Boston Red Sox clinch the title against St. Louis. But it was in Game 6, not a winner-take-all contest.

Cowboys' Romo questionable for Arizona game

IRVING, Texas (AP)—Dallas quarterback Tony Romo is listed as questionable for Sunday's game against Arizona after missing practice all week with a back injury.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and coach Jason Garrett said Friday that Romo would be a game-time decision. He took a direct hit to his surgically repaired back on a sack in Monday's 20-17 overtime loss to Washington.

After going to the locker room for treatment, Romo returned for Dallas' final two series.

Brandon Weeden, who replaced Romo and led two scoring drives against the Redskins, will make his first start since last Dec. 1 for Cleveland if Romo doesn't play.

If Weeden starts, undrafted rookie Dustin Vaughan is likely to be activated from the practice squad for the first time.

Meanwhile, in New Jersey, Jamaal Charles has compiled quite a resume as a running back in the NFL.

The Kansas City Chiefs workhorse has the best rushing average (5.52 yards) in the history of the league, even better than Hall of Famer Jim Brown, whose career average was 5.22 yards per carry. That alone says a lot.

There's more.

Charles is the Chiefs' all-time leading rusher (6,186 yards) and has surpassed 1,000 yards on the ground in each of the last four seasons. He's rushed for 200 yards or more in a game three times and has the two longest rushing plays (91 and 86 yards) in Kansas City history.

Simply put, Charles is on his way to legendary status in Kansas City Chiefs folk lore.

So as the New York Jets (1-7) travel to Kansas City (4-3) on Sunday afternoon, they have one thing in mind. They have to stop Charles.

"It's a big concern for us," said defensive lineman Sheldon Richardson. "He's a big threat on the edge and getting into open field. We have to try to contain him, which isn't easy. We just have to try to stop the run the best way we can and make them a one-

dimensional team."

Charles, who was hurt earlier in the season and appears on the Chiefs' injury list this week as probable with a back injury, is expected to play.

"I saw the films of him and he doesn't look hurt to me," Richardson said. "He's running 100 per cent to me. If he's not 100 per cent, then he's the fastest thing I've ever seen. It's real simple. We have to make it very difficult for him to get to the edge. That has been one of our points of emphasis this week."

Richardson noted the Jets are a proud defensive unit, despite the losing record.

"We take pride in stopping the run," Richardson said. "We have to make sure that (Alex) Smith is the one who will beat us with the throw. That's how we're going to look at it."

Charles isn't even the Chiefs' leading rusher this season. That distinction belongs to Knile Davis, who has 401 yards to Charles' 363. Both have scored four touchdowns rushing. The Chiefs have the third best rushing attack in the league, averaging

140.7 yards per game.

"Davis is also very good," Richardson said. "We have to make sure we stop them from having long drives and controlling the ball and the clock."

Charles has to be the main focus, because he's a game breaker.

"We just have to knock him back," said defensive lineman Muhammad Wilkerson. "He's very quick and elusive. As long as we stay in our gaps and knock him back, we'll be fine. But they also have some other good guys in their offense, so we have to worry about them. But our goal every week is to stop the run first and try to make sure that no balls get thrown over our heads."

Charles is also a threat out of the backfield. He has 237 receptions in his career for 2,074 yards, both marks among the top five in Chiefs history. Charles has 15 receptions this season for 99 yards and two touchdowns.

"We have our hands full," Wilkerson said. "He's an elusive guy with a lot of talent. We have to make sure our guys are doing their jobs."

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Runnin' Rebels, Saints top opponents

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The Runnin' Rebels and Chalan Kanoa

Saints registered contrasting wins in the final two games played in the 2014 BANMI Youth League last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Runnin' Rebels nipped Kentucky Fried Chicken in the U21 match last Wednesday, 69-68, while the Saints whopped the CNMI Girls Nationals in the U18 pairing last Tuesday, 118-47, to join the Sonics in last week's winners list. Only three teams recorded victories last week, as Thursday's and Friday's matches were rescheduled to give way to Halloween activities.

The Saints gained their fourth win in five games to remain in third place behind the unbeaten San Jose Ol'Aces (6-0) and Division of Youth Services (5-1), while the Nationals are still winless in six matches.

The first win of the season remained elusive for the CNMI cagebelles as they managed to keep the Saints within

striking distance only in the first period. Chalan Kanoa was ahead by only nine at the end of the opening canto, 25-16, but blew the game wide open in the second frame, taking a 48-28 halftime edge. Jun Fidelino led the breakaway, drilling 17 points in the first half. He went on to top-score for the Saints with 36 points. Three other Saints players broke into twin digits in the easy win with Mike Espinosa adding 14 and Renan Lansang and Luwan Reyes adding 13 and 12, respectively.

Rachel Abrams led the Nationals with her 15 points, while Michelle Kautz contributed 14. Kyla Ito, Irish Pagarrao, and Madeleine Alegre completed the Nationals' box score, logging 6 points apiece.

In last Wednesday's U21 game, Edmond Borja posted 21 points, including 8 of the Runnin' Rebels' last 10 points to lift his team to the close win.

It was a come-from-behind victory for the Runnin' Rebels, as they trailed right from the start and still faced a 46-49 deficit at the end of the third period before Borja teamed up with Gerald Castillo in stealing the

time was successful to force a deciding third set before the Geckos hung tough, spoiling the Eagles' bid to complete a come-from-behind win in the rubber match.

In other results, SIS also scored a 25-19, 25-19 win against the Mt. Carmel School Knights varsity and a 25-11, 25-17 triumph over the junior varsity side of the MHS Dolphins. The Geckos capped their four-game sweep after Saipan Southern High School's varsity squad failed to come up with enough players.

The Geckos are ahead by two wins over GCA, which is in second place in the standings with a 9-3 slate. MHS varsity (8-4) is



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A Chalan Kanoa Saints player beats a Rollers A player for the loose ball during an earlier game in the U18 division of the BANMI youth caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

same output the Runnin' Rebels got from Djay Ong, the latest addition on the team. Ong also contributed one basket in the closing seconds of the match.

The Runnin' Rebels, who were admitted to the league midway in the regular season to replace Star Magic, improved their record to 2-2, while KFC fell to a 2-5 slate.

Tristan Montes led KFC's losing cause after posting 26 points.

TUESDAY

Saints 118 – Fidelino 36, Espinosa 14, Lansang 13, Reyes 12, Floresca 8, Jones 6, Omengkar 5, Nakashima 4, Pangelinan 2.

CNMI Girls Nationals 47 – Abrams 15, M. Kautz 14, Ito 6, Pagarrao 6, Alegre 6.

Scoring by quarters: 25-16, 48-24, 79-32, 118-47.

WEDNESDAY

Runnin' Rebels 69 – Borja 21, Castillo 12, Ong 12, Abobo 6, Anderson 4, Miller 2, Kabiriel 2, Ermitanio 2, Nakashima 2.

KFC 68 – Montes 26, Cruz 15, Ogasawara 13, Borromeo 4, Alipio 4.

Scoring by quarters: 15-20, 31-38, 46-49, 69-68.

win from KFC.

Castillo knocked in two triples early in the fourth to keep the Runnin' Rebels in the game, while Borja delivered the last blows, canning three straight baskets in the home stretch and the go-ahead. Castillo finished the match with 12 points, the

in third place, followed by SIS junior varsity (7-5), Marianas Baptist Academy (6-6), Mt. Carmel (6-7), Kagman High School (5-7), SSHS varsity (4-9), SSHS junior varsity (3-9), and MHS' junior varsity (1-10).

GCA avenged its loss to SIS' varsity when it rallied to complete a 22-25, 25-18, 15-10 come-from-behind victory over the Geckos' junior varsity team. The Eagles also scored three other wins last week against MCS (25-15, 25-16), MBA (25-16, 25-15) and Kagman (25-18, 25-16).

In Friday's results, it was a double victory for MHS as the Dolphins' varsity defeated KHS varsity, 25-19, 25-23

and the former's junior varsity squad downed MBA. The Dolphins' junior varsity won the first set via forfeiture, while MBA showed up in the second set and prevailed, 26-24, to force a third frame. MHS earned the victory with a 15-10 decision in the third.

While the MHS JV-MBA game went the distance, Mt. Carmel finished off SSHS junior varsity early, registering a 25-16, 26-24 victory. Southern's varsity, on the other hand, rallied to beat MHS varsity, 21-25, 29-27, 15-11, while the Manta Rays' junior varsity side won by forfeit against MHS varsity. SIS tripped MHS, 25-13, 25-14, in an all-junior varsity contest.

in the title game, were in complete control of the match and slowly pulled away in the first set as Jordan's smashes and Janelle's drop shots failed to clear the net. Savellano sealed the first set win with a smash after finding an opening at the Pangilinan's left corner court. Buultjens and Savellano were never threatened in the second as the Pangilinans seemed out of sync.

Savellano bagged her second title as she later joined Janelle Pangilinan in completing an upset win over the top ranked duo of Hanna Choi and Rowena Sison.

Savellano and Pangilinan, who defeated Choi and Sison in the opener, 21-11, 21-19, cruised to a 21-10, 21-14 decision in the final match.

Choi bounced back in the mixed doubles over-40 division,

but she and partner Hancheol Yu had to grind out a 21-18, 21-17 win over the husband-and-wife pair of Joel and Alma Ortega after their opponents won the first game. Choi and Yu had the twice-to-beat incentive and needed it as the Ortegas took Game 1, 21-17, 21-17.

In the mixed doubles B finals, Cris Hilario and Windy Fernandez, who held a twice-beat-edge over the Jeff Riman and Cheng Saturno, earned the championship early after a 21-14, 21-15 crushing of their foes.

In other results, the brother and sister pairing of Jerome and Nicole Malasarte pulled off a 21-18, 11-21, 21-17 decision over Patrick Fernandez and Baby Banadera to rule the mixed doubles C class and join early champions Patrick Fernandez and Leo Sun Patrick (men's doubles C), Sison and Saturno (women's doubles B), and Malasarte and Mykki Caracut (women's doubles C).

"The purpose of including Asia is to ensure TV coverage of the circuit and to secure funding via broadcast rights, which Asia seems confident of delivering," he said.

The funds that will come from the broadcast rights and other sponsorship deals will provide for the prize money and support the participation of athletes from small nations.

Gardner said part of the money collected from the circuit race would also fund OAA's various activities in the region.

The OAA head added they want to secure additional funding for each of the area associations so they can continue to deliver and improve the current level of their athletes and provide educational and technical services to member federations.

The Asia-Pacific project, part of OAA's Strategic Plan early this year and approved by the IAAF, is a six-week competition circuit in the Asia-Pacific region that will be held between April

and May.

Gardner said the tournament is designed for Oceania athletes, especially those from small island nations, for them to experience competing against top athletes from Asia in an international level (like the European Grand Prix), but closer to home.

"We want to provide a higher level of competition for Asian and Oceania athletes without the need for them to travel to Europe and the US to get this standard of competition and at the same time attract a greater number of athletes from our area early in the season," said Gardner.

He added the project would further promote athletics in Oceania and at the same time introduce Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia.

OAA will be forming a working group, which will be initially funded by the IAAF, to lay down the groundwork and organize the circuit race.

"It is currently a work in progress but it received solid support from athletes, officials and importantly the IAAF president and council. We're waiting on funding considerations from the IAAF, which will not be available until later this year," said Gardner.

Lamine Diack of Senegal is the current IAAF president, while Qatar's Dahlan Jumaan al-Hamad is the AAA chief.

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a thrilling 25-22, 15-25, 15-8 win over the Grace Christian Academy Eagles' varsity side.

It was an intense match as both the Geckos and the Eagles had to work hard for every point. SIS, however, managed to gain some distance, turning a slim 18-16 lead to a 23-16 edge to move two points away from wrapping up the first set.

Despite facing a deficit, GCA won't go down without a fight, scoring six straight points to threaten at 23-22. However, errors foiled the Eagles' comeback bid. GCA also rallied in the second set and this

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and Deether Edralin in the final match after the latter pair pushed the top-seeded duo to a rubber.

Lee and Edralin played more aggressively and capitalized on their opponents' numerous errors to win Game 1, 21-17, 21-19, and force a deciding contest.

Buultjens and Yu, after the 15-minute break and with their title bid threatened, made the necessary adjustments in Game 2 and patiently set up their shots, forcing either Lee or Edralin to return the birdie wide or make a short shot at the net. Buultjens and Yu, who also scored a 21-16, 21-14 over Lee and Edralin in their final elimination round match to clinch the top seeding, went on to secure the title after a 21-13, 21-16 win in Game 2.

Lee and Edralin arranged a

PIC Bike For Life 50K Race

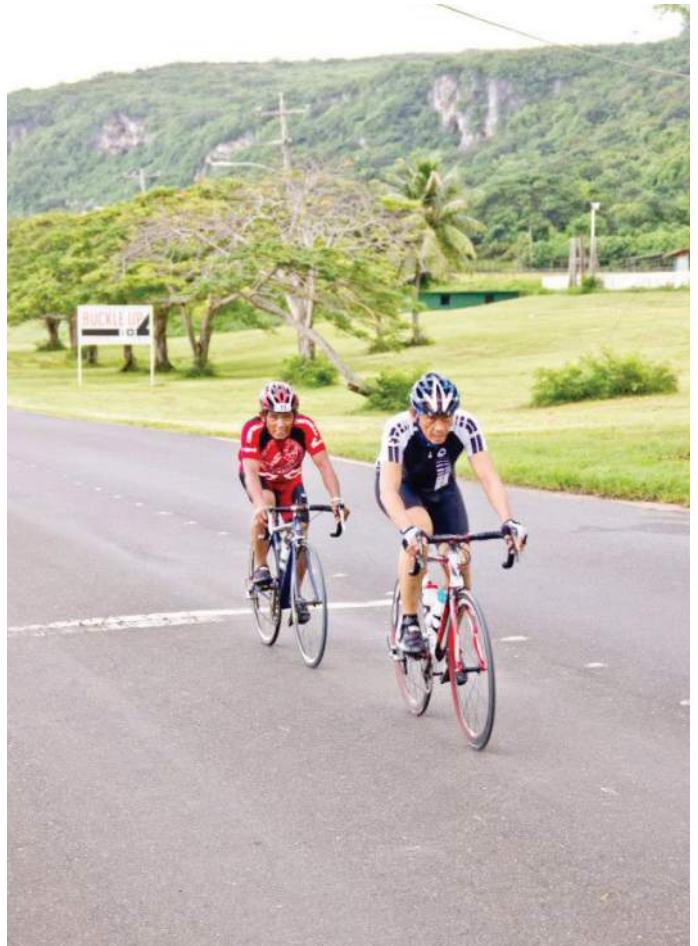
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Eric Castro stands up to negotiate an uphill road along Marpi during the PIC Bike For Life 50K Race late last month.



Race volunteers pose for a photo while waiting for the registration to start.



Two bikers head back to the starting line after passing through Marpi.



Participants check in to get their race numbers.



Russ Quinn has all eyes on the road as he pedals along Papago.



A biker slows down the tricky turn along Capital Hill.



Nap Dizon leads Erico Castro as they head to Marpi.



Robert Torres and Lyn Tenorio cruise along Airport Road.



Charles Cepeda keeps a steady pace on his way to Marpi.



A biker smiles to the camera as he and other participants head north.



James Hofschneider gestures as he heads north.



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Geckos unbeaten in volleyball

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The Saipan International School Geckos' varsity team found themselves atop the 10-team field in the 2014 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Boys Volleyball League.

 The Geckos are 11-0 after sweeping all of their four games last Thursday and Friday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium, highlighting their perfect run with

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JON PEREZ
Saipan International Schools' Andrew Johnson, left, tries to tip the ball against a Grace Christian Academy player during their game in the MISO volleyball league last Thursday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.



7 pairs crowned doubles champs

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Seven more pairs clinched doubles championships in the Tan Holdings Open 2014 last



Friday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Glenn Buultjens was in two of those seven teams, partnering with Yongson Yu and Jenine Savellano in topping their



respective divisions in the annual badminton tournament.

Buultjens and Yu ruled the premier men's doubles A division and added the mixed doubles A title to his collection with the youngster Savellano as his partner.

Buultjens and Yu, who enjoyed a twice-to-beat edge after sweeping all of its three matches in the elimination round, defeated Jongmin Lee

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JON PEREZ
Glenn Buultjens goes for a forehand return, while teammate Jenine Savellano looks on during their finals match against siblings Jordan and Janelle Pangilinan in the mixed doubles A division in the Tan Holdings Open 2014 last Friday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

Asia-Pacific Grand Prix eyed next year

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The Oceania Athletics Association is hoping to lessen its dependence on funding from the International Association of Athletics Federations when it launches a Grand Prix-like tour-



nement sometime next year.

OAA president Geoff Gardner said he is working closely with the IAAF, Asian Athletics

Association, and former two-time Olympic Gold medalist Lord Sebastian Coe of Great Britain in organizing a high-level circuit event between Asian and Oceania athletes in the Pacific.

"[This is] to further promote

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Beo Ngirchongor, left, sprints after getting the baton from Orrin Pharmin during the 4x100m relay race in the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei. Athletes from Micronesia and the rest of the Pacific will have a chance to compete in an international level event next year when Oceania Athletics Association launches the Asia-Pacific Grand Prix.